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To-night is Father Christmas's night

This Will Trick Them

CAN you make a sixpence jump from under a shilling in a wine-glass and change places with the larger coin? It may sound impossible, but blow as hard as you can on to the shilling, a trifle to one side, and you will find that the smaller coin will soon appear on top.

Keep Them Laughing

THIS is a jolly game for a party, because every one can join in. All that you will require for it is a giant beacon pencil. To start the game a ring is formed by the players, one of whom holds the beacon in his hand. Then some one plays a tune on the piano, and during this the beacon is passed from player to player in turn, all round the ring. Whoever is holding the beacon when the music stops must leave the ring. The player who remains at the end is the winner.

Home Page Cook tells you what to do with . . . LEFTOVERS

THE remnants of Christmas week parties will be with us on Saturday, and that lingering Bird of Time, the Turkey, will provide you with a post-Christmas worry.

If you adopt drastic Measures

How shall one dispose of the remains? The most quick and thorough way is, of course, to bury it in the garden, but this is not strictly economical.

Whatever drastic measures may be taken, the legs should never be abandoned with the rest. They are much too good to miss when they are devilled.

This can be mild or Ferocious

The devilling preparation can be left to individual taste, and can be made as mild or ferocious as you

please, but it should always be mixed and inserted in the meat some hours before it is wanted for cooking.

The main ingredients (worked into a paste with butter) are salt, white pepper, curry powder, mustard and cayenne.

Additional flavouring, such as Worcester sauce, chutney, or mushroom powder can be added as desired.

You can't make it too Hot

I see no point in experimenting with this dish at all unless the result is more than a little devilish, and one can scarcely make the paste too hot to the taste beforehand because it always loses pungency by cooking.

Score the bird's legs deeply in a number of places, introduce plenty of the devil into the cuts, and spread the rest all over the surface.

Cook under the grill for about ten minutes, not forgetting to turn more than once.

Frying casts out the Devil

If no grill is available it is better to heat the legs in the oven rather

than in a frying pan, as is so often done.

The process of frying is apt to exorcise the devil, and the resultant dish will be too mildly angelic to be interesting.

Last farewell to the Turkey

Those who have been steadfastly loyal to the fragmentary fowl could make a blanquette of turkey for a final gesture of farewell.

Slice off the remaining meat thinly and put it aside. Break up the bones and put them into a stewpan with an onion cut into rings, some lean bacon cut into dice, and a bouquet of parsley, thyme, and bay leaf.

Just cover them with water and simmer gently for an hour.

Salt, pepper and grated Nutmeg

Then strain off the liquor and pour it on to a white roux made with equal quantities of flour and butter. Bring this to the boil and let it boil for five minutes, stirring all the time.

Take it off the fire and put into it the meat seasoned with salt, pepper, and a little grated nutmeg. Let the meat heat gently through in this, but be careful not to let it boil.

Triangles of Toast

Mix the yolk of an egg with three tablespoonfuls of cream, and when the meat is thoroughly hot, stir the cream into the sauce.

As soon as it begins to thicken, serve the blanquette on a dish, garnished with triangles of toast.

Cooking your own Goose

If the skeleton in your cupboard happens to be a goose, it can be dressed as follows for its last appearance.

Cut an onion into rings and fry it in an ounce of butter in a stewpan until it turns to a good brown without becoming black.

Add a pint of water, the bones of the goose, a seasoning of salt and pepper, a bouquet of parsley, lemon, thyme and bay leaf, and a glass of port.

Simmer gently for three-quarters of an hour, strain off the gravy, thicken it, and heat the goose meat through in it without allowing to boil. Serve with sippets of toast and any remains of the stuffing heated through in the oven in the oven and divided into small pieces. Apple sauce can be served separately.

LAST MINUTE IDEAS FOR STOCKINGS

CHRISTMAS stockings are greedy beasts. Not content with the mere size of a leg, they stretch and bulge and demand last-minute rushings off, in your Father Christmas habit, to the shops.

Half the thrill of a stocking is that first glance at it, gorged with a big one baggy.

Here are a few help-the-parent last-minute fill-ups, costing 1s. or less (mostly less).

Domestic little girls will like a length of dress material, large enough to make their favourite doll a smart summer suit, folded up with a crease down the middle, just the way the big shops sell it for grown-ups, and tied up with a bit of baby-ribbon, put in a box. (Probably a corner off something that is worn out will look fine, pressed up.)

Or a small ball of bright wool with a pair of not-too-pointed needles, to knit a doll jumper. Or beads, ready strung, or with twine for stringing them (if I remember rightly it is always more fun to have things you can do, not merely look at).

Miniature sets of furniture arranged in a match-box cost a penny or so. For 4d. you can get some bits of wood that build up into an airplane.

Sweets huddled up in violently coloured papers are always good (unlike weight; so are fruits, especially unusual ones like li-chees, passion fruits, pomegranates. It is always fun to find you can eat something which looks unlikely).

Boysish girls and boys usually like a sixpenny torch, smart pencil sharpeners, rubbers—anything they can show off at school.

Then you can always fall back on puzzles (the kind you volunteer to "show how," and fidget with until, by the time you do it the child has lost interest and gone away).

Apart from the stocking problem, to-day is the day you find that bit of your presents list which you had forgotten about and lost. That box of nine who lives in the country and despises all things childish could probably do with a bow and arrow, or some slugs for his gun.

For the pretty girl who has unexpectedly sent you a present—so you have to send her one—there is plenty. Just depends how much you want to spend.

Zoe Farmer.



"I'll have to explain that some other time. Daddy is very busy now."

There need be no ill-effects after Christmas in the Nursery

CHILDREN are already on tiptoe with excitement over Christmas. Excitement, over-eating and less sleep than usual may have their reactions in the nursery, unless you make a few plans beforehand.

The old-fashioned remedy of nasty cooling doses on Boxing Day eve is now no longer recommended by doctors—instead, more attention is paid to nursery regime over the whole period. A great many tummy disturbances are due to excitement and noise, pure and simple, not to over-eating.

Excitement starts at dawn on Christmas morning, when parcels are unwrapped in the half dark, small people forget slippers and dressing-gowns, and a general unusualness reigns. Breakfast on Christmas morning should be extremely light, and as near the ordinary hour—say 9 a.m.—as possible.

Cold or hot milk, whichever is preferred, with prunes or baked apple, is the most perfect beginning, and nothing else need be eaten at all. Don't give bacon, egg, or cereal, and if the milk goes down and two large prunes forget everything else.

Christmas dinner will, I imagine, come in the middle of the day in the nursery. Very little harm can possibly ensue from either roast turkey or chicken and vegetables. It is a good idea, however, to follow the Continental habit of giving a green salad—just a little with the first course.

Green salads are one of the best ways of supplying sufficient mineral to keep the blood in healthy condition, and healthy blood means no risk of catching cold in cot.

Christmas pudding—just a small taste, please—for it is rarely liked by the nursery folk. Dessert as much as you like, but don't mix the fruits if they are of a very acid nature.

The great danger at Christmas to children is, of course, too many sweetmeats in between meals. You the same. A very light breakfast and should really be firm about this. A very restless morning—let them Christmas tea will again be a time sleep as late as they will. Some fun of great excitement with crackers, out of doors before lunch and a light etc. Try to keep as much stuffiness lunch. They will eat lots of food out of the diet as possible. Give hidden things at the party, so it milk to drink and just a piece of doesn't matter if the lunch is light. Christmas cake.

If the children are older and need a supper, give them a very lightly cooked egg or a bit of steamed fish, or easily digested cheeses. And a little more salad. There may be a party on Boxing Day, so the regime should again be On returning from the party at night, warm milk and straight to bed. Don't feed children up for Christmas to ward off future trouble, rather feed them down. The modern child is not nearly so interested in Christmas food as we imagine.

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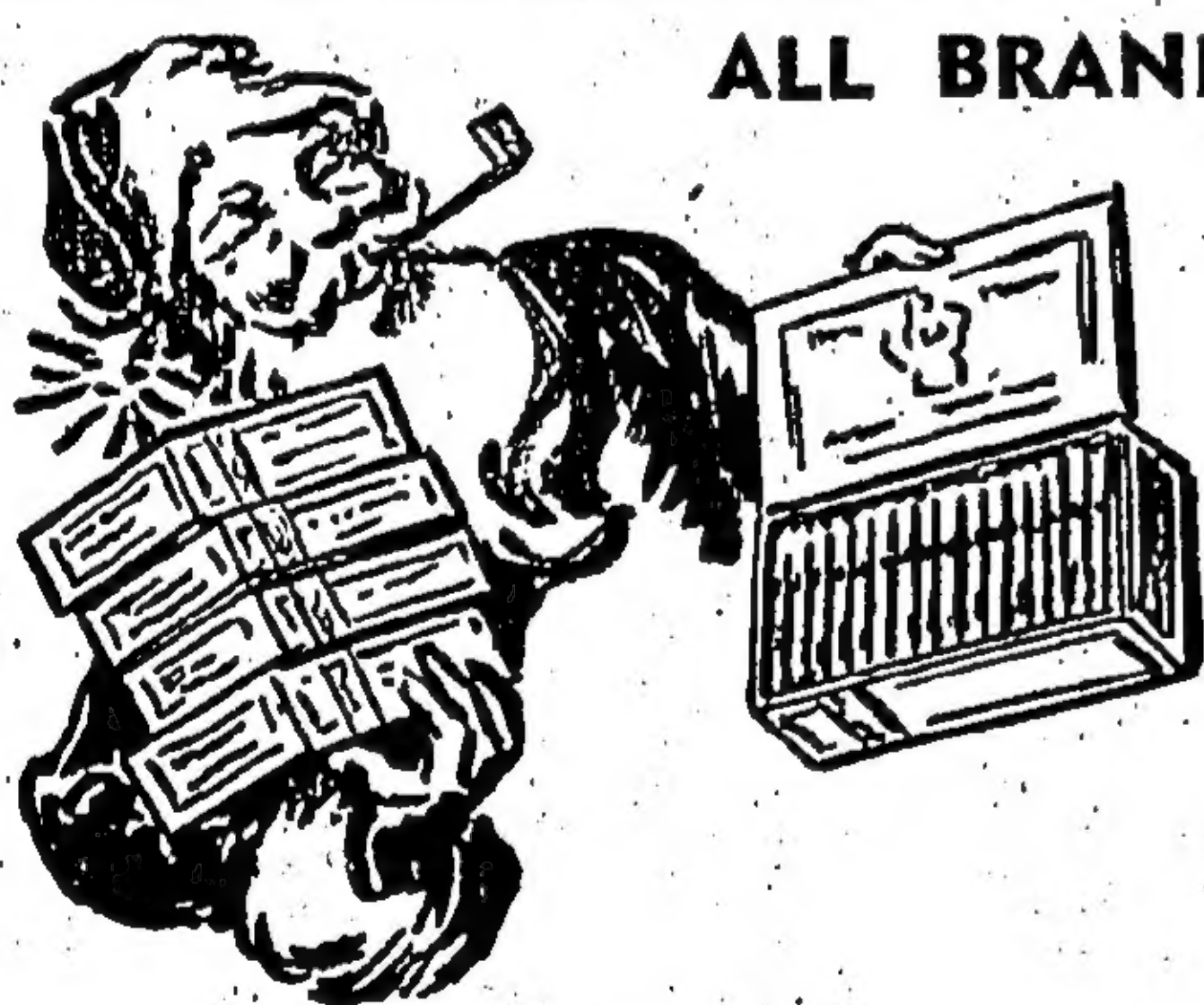


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Somebody Saw Prince And Princess Kissing

Two Kinds Of Nagging Wives

Leeds, Dec. 20.

"NAGGING is suicide in marriage," declared Mrs. Percy Leigh, former Lady Mayoress of Leeds, commenting to-day on the view expressed in a speech to an audience of women by Dr. J. J. Buchan, Bradford medical officer of health, that nagging was sometimes a kindness.

Mrs. Leigh, who is the leader of many women's organisations in Yorkshire, added: "Nagging is about the most horrible and detestable thing I can think of—and men are sometimes worse than women."

"I think one reason for it in these days is that young couples nag one another over money matters. Girls have not been taught the value of money or the ways of spending it. They nag because they do not think they have enough to spend on enjoyment, and their husbands nag because their wives do not know how to spend their money wisely."

"ART IN NAGGING"

Dr. Buchan—who is married but emphasises that his wife "has never nagged in her life"—explained to-day that there were two kinds of naggers.

"One is the type who nags to urge her husband on in his business and social life, or who does it to bring about some improvement in his ways for this own good," he said. "The other is the one who nags because of overwrought nerves or through worry."

"Many men would never have reached positions of importance if it had not been that their wives had nagged them from time to time."

"Nagging properly used, can be a great help in a man's career, but it should always be remembered that there is an art in it and that it should be used with care by wives."

Millionaire Don's Wife Gets Decree

Among the divorce decrees not yet due for application to be made absolute is that granted to Mrs. Poppet Jackson, wife of 30-year-old millionaire racehorse owner and Oxford Don, Derek Ainslie Jackson, who researches in spectroscopy.

He is twin to the millionaire racehorse owner, Vivian Jackson, who had divorce papers served on him last week, in which Miss Peggy Joyce was named.



A recent portrait of Mrs. Wallis Simpson, who will probably become the Duchess of Windsor in May. The dog was presented to her by ex-King Edward.

"IT ISN'T DONE," SAY CLUBMEN

The Hague, Dec. 20. HOLLAND is getting ready for a wonderful three weeks of junketing to celebrate the royal wedding on January 7. But beyond the fact that Princess Juliana will then become the wife of Prince Bernhard, and that the future Prince Consort works in an office and behaves generally like a human being, the Dutch people are not being allowed to know much about it.

The Royal Family hate publicity. Few details of the ceremony have been allowed to leak out. No one is permitted to go into St. James's Church, where the wedding will take place: police guard all doors.

The organist does not yet know the music he will have to play. "Even if I did," he says, "I would not be allowed to tell you." The bridesmaids, too, have been commanded to say nothing about their dresses.

The offices of the Royal Archives have been barred to visitors. They are near the royal gardens; it is feared some one might catch glimpses of Princess Juliana, or of the Prince.

Some one did catch a glimpse of them—perhaps that is the reason. It happened to be just at a moment when the Prince put his arm round the Princess's neck and kissed her.

That sort of thing shocks the old-fashioned Dutch. They shake their heads gravely when they see Prince Bernhard driving his own car, with the Princess in it.

When they read that the Prince has gone flying they just gaze at one another in consternation. And on the day when a common photographer was summoned to the Palace by Prince Bernhard and Princess Juliana the clubmen almost took to their beds.

YOUTH THRILLED

Young Holland is thrilled by all this, of course. The country badly wants waking up, they consider. And they mean to see that a good time is had by all during the three historic weeks that are coming along. For the whole of that time everything on wheels in Holland is going to be garlanded with flowers—even perambulators. Every town and village will be illuminated every night, and The Hague expects a million and a half visitors on the great day.

Found £70,000

Johannesburg, Dec. 18. JOHANNES MOKONE, finder of the famous £70,000 Jonker diamond, has had to resume his job on a farm at a wage of 5s. a week. Johannes left the farm to work at the miniature model of the scene depicting the finding of the famous diamond. He received a wage of £21 a week, until his employer, Mr. J. Segal, was charged with having taken Johannes away from his farm employment without first obtaining the necessary permission. Mr. Segal was found guilty. And so Johannes loses 15s. a week.

Will Hay Wants a New Role

WILL HAY, one of Britain's finest comedians, whose schoolmaster act is always a top-liner, wants to go serious. "I first went on the stage," he said, "I had all sorts of notions to play legitimate parts. It so happened that I had a sense of comedy, and the funny thing is that I am not necessarily a comic. "People laugh like mad at me, but I think the real comedians are those members of my company whom I direct. "The type of play I have felt like playing is a straight comedy or drama. "If I were asked to go to America again—to Hollywood or New York, either to play straight parts in films or on the stage—I would accept like a shot."

MINISTER CHARGED WITH SPYING BY CONVICT'S AID

Sydney, Dec. 20. Resignation of the Hon. T. Paterson, Australia's Minister of the Interior, is being demanded here following allegations in the House of Representatives about the case of Mrs. M. M. Freer, Indian Army officer's wife, banned from entry into Australia by Mr. Paterson. Mr. Roland James, Socialist M.P., charged that following a letter from Walter Hunt, an actor who has served several terms of imprisonment, Mr. Paterson sent a secret service man to get from Hunt evidence supporting the banning of Mrs. Freer. Hunt told the detective he knew a Vera Freer in Bangalore in 1931. Her description, he said, tallied with that of Mrs. M. M. Freer. The woman was a Eurasian, and has a son. She said she was divorced. She was the subject of gossip in the cantonment. In a letter which Hunt gave to the official, he asked Mr. Paterson, as a reward for his information, to assist him in getting a broadcasting job. Mr. Paterson replied, assuring Hunt of his "best endeavours."

To-day Hunt showed a photograph of Mrs. M. M. Freer, said: "No, this is not the same woman. This woman has an English face."

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Shanghai, Dec. 18. The average pay for workers in Japanese owned cotton textile mills here is \$11 monthly. Most of the workers are women.

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Judge Calls Woman 'Miss Snake In The Grass'

"CALL her 'Miss Snake in the Grass,'" said Mr. Justice Swift to counsel in a breach of promise action settled at Swansea recently. "That is good enough for her, and we will refer to the man with whom she was friendly as 'her boy friend.'"

Nesta May Cotty, a 42-year-old Cardiff boarding-house keeper, had sued Rex Worthington Lewis, an employment exchange clerk, who had been one of her lodgers.

"Catching A Man"

When Mr. Jenkin Jones, Lewis's counsel, suggested to Miss Cotty that she was out to catch the man, the judge said:—

"Let us assume she was. The question the jury and I have to determine is, 'Did she catch him?' Why shouldn't she? In these days the wooing is not all on one side. If she saw a young man she fancied, why shouldn't she tempt him with gifts?"

Miss Cotty said she bought Lewis about a dozen silk shirts and some silk underwear.

"I think silk underwear would be very fetching," said the judge. "Mr. Jones, did a lady ever give you silk underwear?"

"No, my lord," replied counsel, "I am still living in hope. But if I should receive such a gift I hope it will not result in my being sued for breach of promise."

Miss Cotty admitted she had brought an action for breach of promise against another man, also named Lewis, which was settled out of court for £250. Payment was made by instalments.

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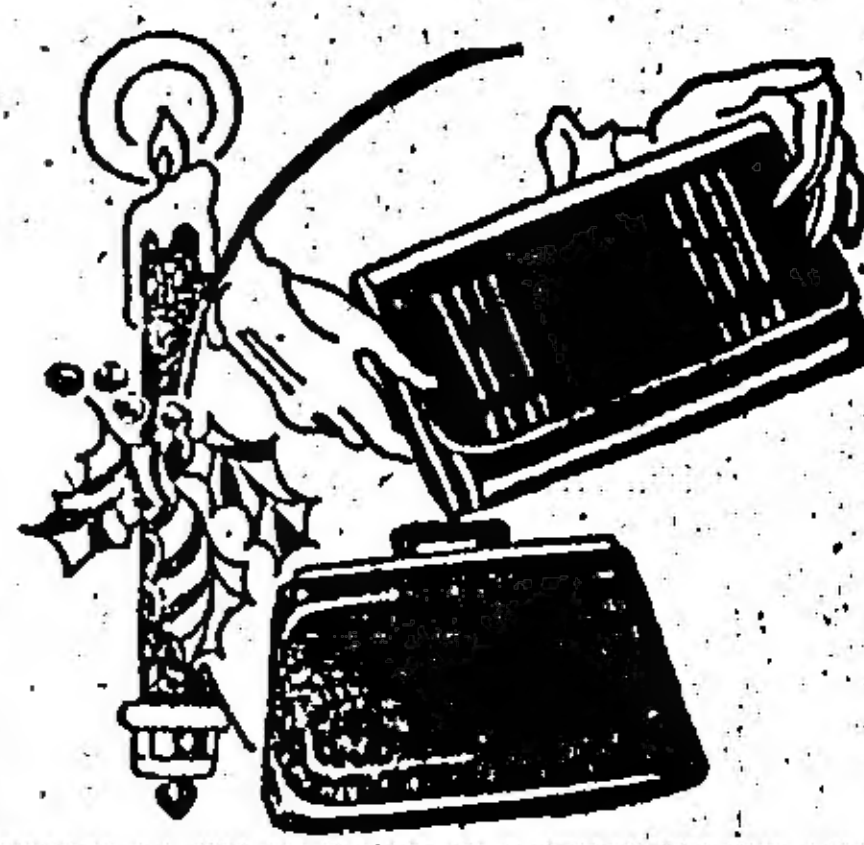
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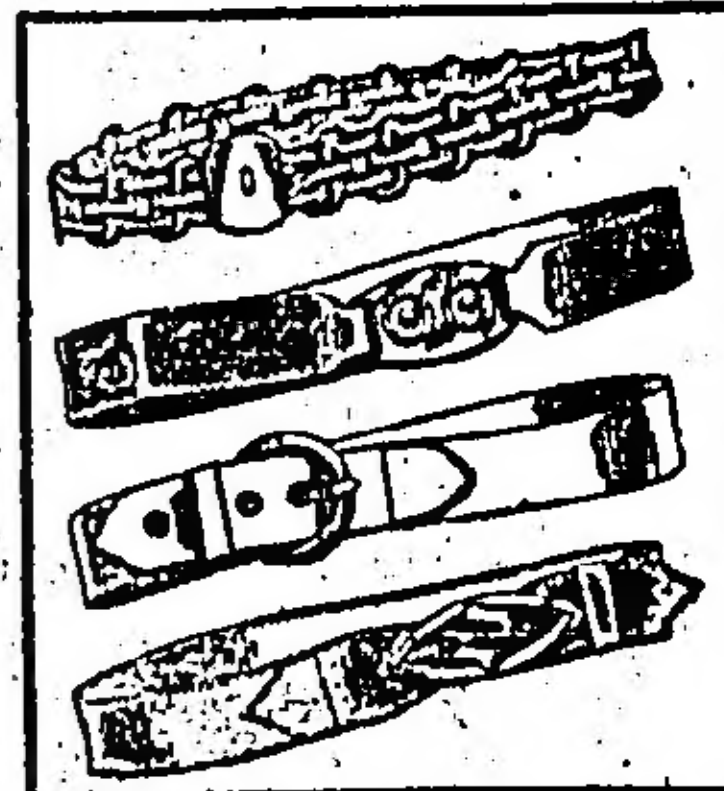
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On Tuesday a most successful Christmas whilst drive was held at the Cheong Club. There was a large attendance, a very happy gathering, and the evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The following were the lucky prize-winners—Ladies, 1, Mrs. Korman; 2, Mrs. Dewar; 3, Mrs. Ewart. Lowest score first half, Mrs. G. Allen; highest score second half, Mrs. Deacon; longest at one table, Mrs. Goodfellow; specially marked card, Mrs. Noble; lowest total score, Mrs. Starling; hidden number, Mrs. Davies; Gent's prize-winners, 1, Mr. Doidge; 2, Mr. George; 3, Mr. Chegwidden; lowest score first half, Mr. G. E. Hodge; highest score second half, Mr. Elliot; longest at one table, Mr. Mitchell; specially marked card, Mr. Fall; lowest total score, Mr. Starling; hidden number, Mr. Doidge. The Club would also like to take this opportunity to express their thanks to donors of prizes, refreshments, cigarettes etc., which all helped to make the evening such a great success.

Y. M. C. A. Panto Scores Big Success

DELIGHTFUL KIDDIES

FOUR kiddies—Betty Lee, Yvonne Servanin, Freda Johnson and Rosita Rivera—have captured the hearts of a thousand Hongkong people.

They are the children who played the part of the "Kitchen Boys" in the Third Act of "Jack and the Beanstalk," the Young Men's Christian Association's Pantomime now being presented in the West Lounge.

Their names are not mentioned in the Cast of Characters. But, in the Third Act of the most popular show the Y.M.C.A. Amateur Dramatic Society has ever produced, they completely steal the show.

Last night the four kiddies were brought back time and again by the persistent applause of a delighted capacity audience.

"Jack and the Beanstalk" is a delicious farce, quite apart from the kiddies. Written by the Rev. J. MacLean, of the Kowloon Union Church, the story gains enormous strength from the fact that it has so much local colour. Satire and humour are the keynote, and the players, quick to grasp the audience's appreciation, stressed these aspects.

Leonard Starbuck, as Widow Wanchal, is delicious, and portrays a Dame as convincingly as many a professional. His performance in all the more remarkable in view of the fact that H. Simpson was, until a month ago, cast for the role. Starbuck undertaking stepping into the breach when Simpson had to retire on medical advice.

Starbuck shares the comedy honour with "Bob" Henderson, who plays "Dizzy," a somewhat subordinate role which has been lifted to a leading one by the sheer humour in Henderson's interpretation.

Noreen Cooper (Principal Boy) is delightful to look at, delightful to hear, and shows, by her work in the current Pantomime, that she has the ability to play a leading role. Her Principal Girl (Kathleen Winch) is the "last love" of the famous "Bachelor Gay" number of "Maid of the Mountains," and has much better opportunity in the Y.M.C.A. production to show that she is an amateur actress of no mean ability. Particularly pleasing is Miss Winch's voice which, unlike many others of our amateurs, has the necessary penetrating quality that ensures of its being heard by an entire audience.

Willie Forsyth, as the Giant's Cook in the Third Act, has an all-too-brief opportunity of proving again that he is one of the mainstays of amateur acting in Hongkong, and deserves more scope for his talent than that allotted in "Jack and the Beanstalk."

John Luke ("ZBW"), James Ferguson (Sir Shun Shui-po), Ernest Moses ("Darke Depression") and Wilfred Lawson ("Fairly Arle") also deserve special mention among the adults.

The grown-ups are, on the whole, as flawless as is possible under the circumstances surrounding the production of amateur pantomimes in Hongkong. But it is the kiddies who are the biggest magnet in "Jack and the Beanstalk." In addition to the four already mentioned, there are those delightful youngsters who played the Widow's children and, more particularly, the six Fairies headed by Stella Best, who will be remembered for her number in "Maid of the Mountains."

The Widow's children were played by Yvonne Shaw, Maureen Chester-Woods, Pauline Strang, Nella MacWilliams, Barbara Jones, Betty May and Peggy Houghton, the Fairies being Mital Fielder, Peggy Scotcher, Joyce Ferguson, Peggy Ferguson, Pat Pasco and Betty Lee. All these kiddies were most delightful to watch.

"Jack and the Beanstalk's" chorus is infinitely better than those of previous years, due, no doubt, to the fact that their numbers were arranged by George Goncharoff.

A Matinee of "Jack and the Beanstalk" will be given at 5 p.m. this evening, and again at 3 p.m. on Boxing Day. The final performance will commence at 8 p.m. on Boxing Night.

The Pantomime, most assuredly recommended for adults and children alike, is definitely the best ever produced by the Y.M.C.A.—N.S.

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	Dec. 22.	Dec. 23.
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Berlin	12.21	12.21
Athens	550	550
Milan	22.40	22.40
Copenhagen	10.39 1/2	10.39 1/2
Stockholm	10.39 1/2	10.39 1/2
Shanghai	1/2 1/4	1/2 1/4
New York	4.91 1/4	4.91 1/4
Amsterdam	8.97 1/4	8.97
Vienna	28 1/4	28 1/4
Prague	139 1/4	139 1/4
Madrid	110 1/2	110 1/2
Lisbon	110 1/2	110 1/2
Hongkong	1/2 29/32	1/2 29/32
Bombay	1/8 5/32	1/8 5/32
Montreal	4.00 1/4	4.00 1/4
Brussels	29.07	29.10
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LOCAL WEDDING

MISS A. FRITH MARRIES MR. A. G. F. PREW

The marriage was solemnised at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, yesterday afternoon, of Miss Iris Audrey Frith and Mr. Albert G. F. Prew, M.A., science-master at the Diocesan Boys' School.

The Rev. C. B. R. Sargent, M.A., Headmaster of the Diocesan Boys' School, officiated at the ceremony, assisted by the Rev. J. R. Higgs, M.A.

The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. C. E. Frith, I.S.O., who was formerly Chief Sanitary Inspector in Hongkong, and Mrs. Frith. They are now living in retirement with their family at Catford, London. The bride only recently arrived in the Colony from Home.

The bridegroom is the eldest son

"TELEGRAPH" ART SUPPLEMENT

To-morrow's Picture
Features

Numerous illustrations will appear in to-morrow's issue of the "Telegraph" Pictorial Supplement. Weddings illustrated will include those of Mr. W. A. Mackinlay and Miss Shellah Jeffries, Mr. L. G. Stephens and Miss W. M. George, Flying Officer Hayward and Miss Norah Himmsworth.

There will be a picture of the staff and students of the Central British School, another showing a scene from "The Merchant of Venice" by students of Wah Yan College, whilst others will show the clergy at the stone-laying ceremony of St. Mary's Church and a group taken at a farewell dinner to the Consul General for Panama and Madame Alegre.

Results of last week's Children's Competition, together with details of a new contest for the kiddies, will also appear.

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Entering the Church on the arm of Mr. G. W. Coysh, the bride looked charming in an ivory satin wedding gown with long pleated sleeves and peacock train. Her hand-made Brussels lace veil was caught to the head by a spray of orange blossom. She carried a sheaf of white roses.

Miss Evelyn Bolt, as bridesmaid and Miss Margaret Bolt, as flower-girl, wore pale pink satin dresses with puff sleeves trimmed with roses made from the same satin material. They carried salmon-tinted gladioli.

Mr. B. J. M. Monks, of the Diocesan Boys' School, was best man. Appropriate music was rendered on the organ by Mr. Rupert Baldwin.

Following the wedding ceremony, a reception was held at the Diocesan Boys' School. The honeymoon is being spent at Repulse Bay. On leaving, Mrs. Prew wore a two-piece costume of fawn self-striped repp with brown accessories.



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There will be one collection from the pillar boxes and one delivery of ordinary correspondence each day as on Sundays and one delivery of Registered correspondence at 11 a.m. The Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the holidays.

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Holhow, Pakhol and Haiphong	Reg.	Dec. 25, 11 a.m.
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Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ning	Fri., Dec. 25, 11 a.m.
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CINEMA NOTES

Something timely, different, and amusingly mad in romantic comedy will hit the screen of the Alhambra Theatre to-day, with the opening of RKO Radio's "Walking On Air", co-starring Gene Raymond and Ann Southern and featuring Jessie Ralph and Henry Stephenson. Taken from the widely-read *Cosmopolitan* Magazine story "Count Peter" by Francis C. Cockrell, this latest Raymond-Southern feature is parallel to their recent "Hooray for Love" only in that, although not a musical it is rpled with hit music and gives them plenty of opportunity to sing while romping through unusual heart tangles. The melodies by Bert Kalmar, Harry Ruby, and Sid Silvers include "Cabin On the Hill-top," "My Heart Wants to Dance" and "Let's Make a Wish." Besides the leads, Gordon Jones, Jessie Ralph, George Meeker, Alan Curtis, Anita Colby and Maxine Jennings fill other prominent roles in a large supporting cast. Joseph Santley directed "Walking On Air" under the production guidance of Edward Kaufman, from a screen adaptation by Kalmar, Ruby, Viola Brothers Shore and Rian James.

"Murder by an Aristocrat" a First National mystery drama, based on one of the most popular of Mignon G. Eberhart's baffling murder stories, is at the King's Theatre to-day, with Lyle Talbot, Marguerite Churchill and Claire Dodd in the leading roles. The plot centres about the deaths of two members of a proud and aristocratic family. Bayard Thatcher, a part played by William Davidson, is the first to meet death. The black sheep of the family who is attempting to blackmail his relatives, is wounded mysteriously one night by a bullet, and the next day he is found shot through the heart. Five other members of the family are suspected, as also are the butler and the maids, although John Eldredge, portraying the district attorney, a relative, tries to make out a case of robbery, a costly string of emeralds having disappeared. Later Gordon Elliott, in the role of Dave Thatcher, is enlisted as a suspect, he being found dead in the title of the Thatcher mansion.

"Things to Come" a futuristic drama, "Things to Come," is coming to the Majestic Theatre to-morrow. Produced by Alexander Korda at a cost exceeding \$250,000, "Things to Come" is the most ambitious picture ever attempted by a British studio. The screening of this immense theme took over two years and taxed the resources of some of the finest technicians in the world. The cast of "Things to Come" includes Raymond Massey, Cedric Hardwicke, Ralph Richardson, Maurice Braddell, Edward Chapman, Sophie Stewart, Derrick De Marney, and Margaretta Scott. The director was W. Cameron Menzies, who enjoys a tremendous Hollywood reputation. The settings were designed by Vincent Korda, assisted by Frank Wells, the son of H.G. Wells, "Things to Come" is released by United Artists.

"Mummy's Boys" Murder, mystery, and merriment among the ancient tombs of Egypt are in store for Bert Wheeler and Robert Woolsey's legion of fans when the popular team of comedies opens to-day at the Queen's Theatre in "Mummy's Boys." The crazy comic's nineteenth feature together, this RKO Radio film recalls the famous "Curse of King Tut" so widely head-lined in connection with strange deaths that struck many members of the expedition that opened his tomb. A lusty satire on the "terror type" of mystery-chiller,

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE MARKET UPWARD YESTERDAY

New York, Dec. 23. S. C. & F. Dow Jones Summary of yesterday's markets—Prices to-day advanced, led by all shares which were in sharp demand. Trading, however, was of a typically pre-holiday nature, with a considerable amount of switching in year-end adjustments. The volume of business again declined. The firmness of stocks coincided with a tremendous uprush in selected commodities. Steel shares gained strength on the publication of operations report by the Iron Age. Motor issues continued to be restrained by strike news. Utility securities were quiet. Railroad stocks developed slow strength. Both the bonds market and stocks on the Curb Exchange were higher.

S. C. & F. New York office cables: Stocks: Securities continue to be in good demand on cheerful trade news.

Cotton: The barter plan between the United States and Germany is continued as a bullish factor. There was heavy liquidation of near positions on the possibility of Government release of low-grade cotton, but all offers were well absorbed. The domestic and foreign trade were good buyers.

Wheat: Renewed European demand imparted strength to the market. The Government weekly crop condition report is bullish. There is insufficient moisture in the West and in Canada. The Chicago market is open on December 26th, whilst all other foreign grain markets are closed.

Corn: The market remains very steady.

Rubber: Transactions to-day were largely of a speculative nature. The Trade is not buying at the moment. The market is very firm.

S. C. & F. Wall Street Journal morning comment—Chart compilers are still pessimistic. Some traders are switching from mail-order shares into leading oil issues, whilst others are switching from railroad stocks into metal shares. The Street says that there is a large short interest in American steel, Chrysler and Atchison securities. Some traders are of the opinion that copper price increases are likely due to under-production.

REUTERS' QUOTATIONS

30 Industrials	177.30	178.36
20 Rails	51.08	52.01
20 Utilities	34.32	34.55
40 Bonds	105.14	105.23
11 Commodity Index	77.40	78.39

It takes the boys from ditch digging in New York to shovelling in the Valley of the Kings, graveyard of Egypt's Pharaohs, in the face of a similar curse. The fact that a fiend is employing the supernatural threat of death as a blind for his dirty work spices the hilarity with thrills and leads to a high-tension climax when the boys and their new leading lady, Barbara Pepper, are trapped in a spooky underground crypt with the murderer. Miss Pepper, who romances opposite Wheeler, is a lively young blonde beauty who got her start by being "clorified" by the late Florio Ziegfeld. In the Wheeler and Woolsey tradition of plentitude of pulchritude, ten attractive young ladies romance with Woolsey. With Moroni Olsen, Frank M. Thomas, Willie Best, Mitchell Lewis and Francis McDonald, topping the cast, "Mummy's Boys" was directed by Fred Guiot. Lee Marcus, who supervised "The Nit Wits" and "Love On a Bet" as well as the above mentioned comedies, produced. The screen play was penned by Jack Townley, Philip G. Epstein and Charles Roberts from an original story by Townley and Lew Lipton.

U.S. COMMODITY PRICES LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS

The following quotations on the New York commodity exchange are issued by Reuters.

New York Cotton	
Jan.	12.08/08 12.21/21
Mar.	12.11/12 12.23/24
May	12.01/01 12.10/10
July	11.03/03 12.08/10
Oct.	11.55/55 11.74/77
Spot	12.71 12.83

New York Rubber	
Dec.	20.33n 20.95n
Mar.	20.43 /43 21.01 /05
May	20.32n 20.80 /00
July	20.25n 20.71b/75n
Sept.	20.10b/10n 20.03 /63
Total sub.	12.71 6,400 tons.

Chicago Wheat	
Dec.	135 1/2 /135 1/2 135 1/2 /135 1/2
May	129 1/2 /130 131 1/2 /131 1/2
July	114 1/2 /114 1/2 110 /110 1/2

Chicago Corn	
Dec.	108 1/2 /108 1/2 108 1/2 /108 1/2
May	102 1/2 /102 1/2 103 1/2 /103 1/2
July	98 1/2 /98 1/2 90 1/2 /90 1/2

Chicago New Contract	
Dec.	104 1/2 /104 1/2 104 1/2 /104 1/2
May	100 1/2 /100 1/2 101 1/2 /101 1/2

Winnipeg Wheat	
Dec.	122 /122 123 1/2 /123 1/2
May	121 1/2 /122 123 1/2 /123 1/2

21 YEARS AGO

Extracts From The "Telegraph" Files

The following extracts are from the Hongkong Telegraph for the week ended December 31, 1916.

The rate of the dollar on demand was 1s. 11.1/16d.

Mr. R. A. B. Ponsonby was appointed Private Secretary to H. E. the Governor, Sir Henry May.

The Hongkong aeroplane, The Victoria, was in action on the Western front, driving off two German machines.

At a meeting of the Legislative Council, the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak gave notice of a motion to the effect that it was desirable that the interned alien enemies be removed from the Colony at the earliest possible moment.

RADIO BROADCAST

(Continued from Page 3.)

4.30 p.m. Nelson, "Street Show."
5 p.m. "Food for Thought," Three short talks on matters of topical interest.
5.20 p.m. Cinema Organ Recital.
5.40 p.m. The News and Announcements.
Greenwich Time Signal at 5.45 p.m.

Transmission 2 (G.S.B. G.S.B.)
7 p.m. Big Ben, "Harry Hopful's Party."
7.45 p.m. Fred Hartley and his Novelty Quintet.
8.17 p.m. Variety.
8.25 p.m. "Food for Thought."
8.45 p.m. A Halland Concert.
9 p.m. The News and Announcements.
Greenwich Time Signal at 9.15 p.m.
9.20 p.m. Pantomime Memories.

Transmission 3 (G.S.B. G.S.B.)
10 p.m. Big Ben, B.I.C. Theatre Organ.
10.35 p.m. The Central Band of His Majesty's Royal Air Force.
11.15 p.m. Piano Solo Music.
11.25 p.m. A Carol Service.
12.10 a.m. Musical Interlude.
12.15 a.m. "Under Big Ben," A talk by Howard Marshall.
12.50 a.m. The News and Announcements.
Greenwich Time Signal at 12.45 a.m.
1.00 a.m. Old-time Dance Music.

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'PAY FUNERAL' CABLE FROM FILM CHIEF

The Man They Turned Down

Although Hollywood turned down sham Baron Emil Forst, gassed scenario writer, cables from the film city offering to pay for his funeral were discussed after the inquest on him at Westminster.

Mr. Ingleby Oddie, the coroner, returned a verdict of "Suicide while of unsound mind" on Forst. Forst spent his last penny to gas himself in an hotel in Vauxhall Bridge Rd, SW.

Film friends who had known him in his palmy days were told that Mr. Howard Frederick Sharpe, a company director, who gave evidence at the inquest, was taking charge of the funeral.

Film actor Gibson Gowland, who met Forst in Hollywood 15 years ago, and claims to have been his closest friend, said: "The film industry did not desert Forst."

"His film friends want to pay for the cremation he would have liked. Carl Laemmle, for whom Forst worked in Hollywood, has cabled instructions to pay for the funeral."

"Mr. Sharpe says he is arranging everything. I do not know when or where the funeral will be."

Mr. Sharpe said: "I am taking charge of the funeral."

Will Be Cremated

Various suggestions were later discussed over the telephone at the American Consulate.

Later Mr. Gowland said: "I am taking charge of the funeral. Forst will be cremated. The cost will be paid by film people who knew him and liked him and would have helped him if they had known he was really hard up."

"I telephoned the LCC relieving officer at Victoria and told him funds would be provided for the cremation. The relieving officer has cancelled the burial plans."

An LCC official said: "We had arranged for the burial, and put the matter in the hands of the undertaker, but cancelled the arrangements when we were informed that private arrangements were being made."

For 16 years Forst had posed as an ex-secret service agent, said he served as a captain in the Austrian navy during the war, was badly wounded, and decorated for his services to his country.

Said He Had Money

His real name, he said, was Baron Emil Forst. When he borrowed money from acquaintances or got a woman friend to knit him a pullover because he felt the cold, he used to say that he had both money and property in Vienna, invested in the days of plenty.

"But even a baron," he laughed, "cannot take his money out of Austria. Only a certain amount each month. It is sad; but I would not go to Vienna. I love London too much."

Mr. Ingleby Oddie, the coroner, said at the inquest, "He left letters showing he had no money left. He refers to his 'hopeless financial position.'"

Forst wrote: "I have no money or property in Vienna, and never had any. I was as poor there as I am here. I am plain Emil Forst—no title, no rank. All a sham."

"I am absolutely penniless and hope that the American Embassy will see to it that I am not buried in a pauper's grave. No ceremony and no flowers. If not too expensive cremation."

The doctor who was called to the room when Forst was found gassed, with a new Bible by his side, said that he had a hip deformity that made one leg a little shorter than the other.

MURDER DISGUISED AS SUICIDE

Los Angeles, Dec. 15.
"Murder disguised as suicide" is the new police theory in the case of Reid Russell, young motor salesman, who was found shot dead in a garden swing at author Governor Morris's estate.

The bullet that killed him was of the same calibre as the gun beside him—which had not been fired for a year. The theory is that the gun was placed there by a clever murderer.

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The systematic study of British coals by the Fuel Research Board has enabled the Government to save money on gas masks. The story is told in the Board's report published this month.

Whereas supplies of the necessary "active" carbon, for the absorption of chemical gases, have hitherto been obtained mainly from abroad, research conducted at the request of the War Office has shown that suitable carbon can be produced at considerably lower cost from British coal.

"The knowledge which the Fuel Research Station possessed of the behaviour of different types of coal on carbonisation, the report states, enabled satisfactory results to be obtained after comparatively little special work."

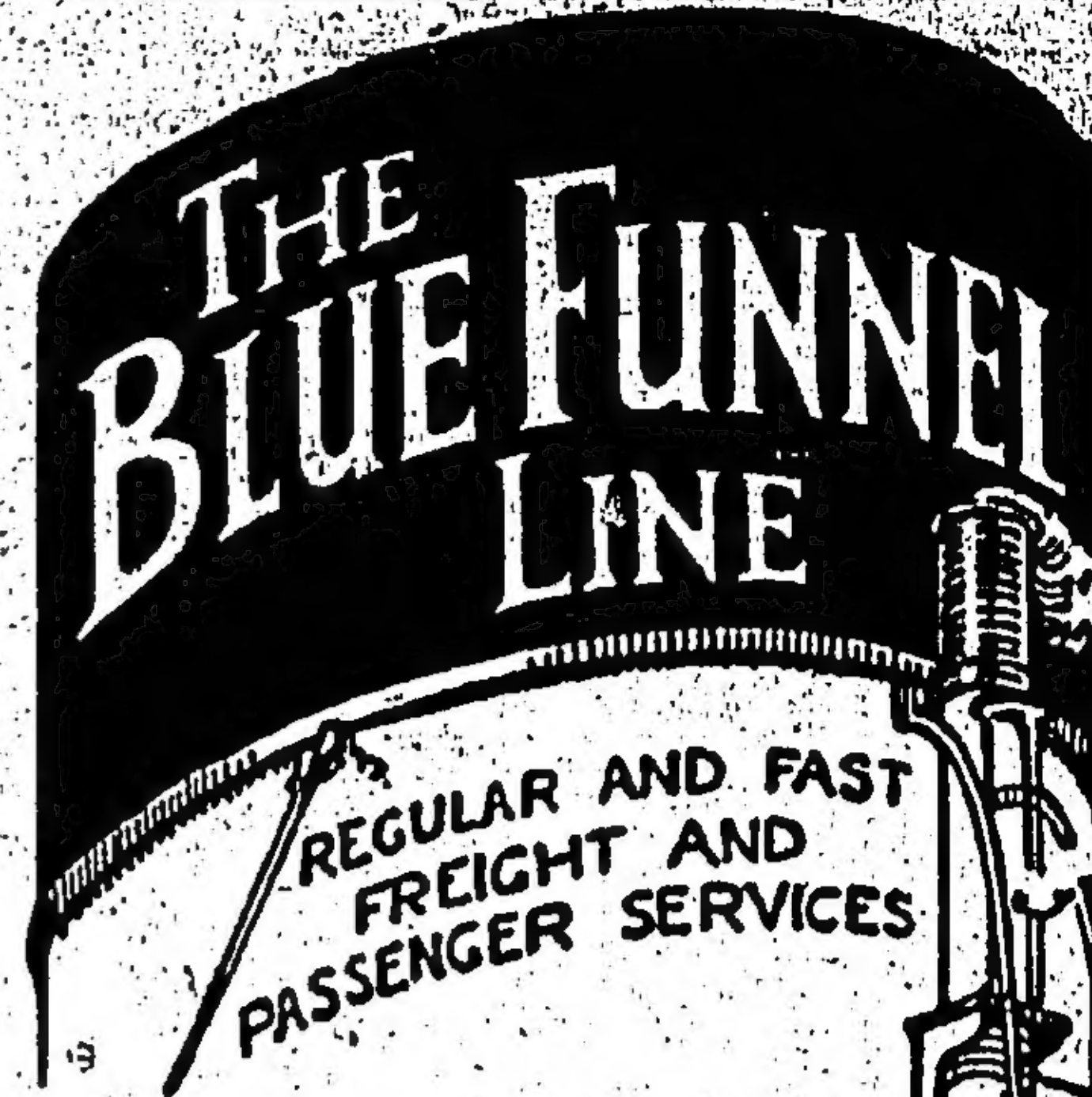
"Durain," a type of coal which is specially rich in plant remains, was the variety of coal selected, and coal from part of the Warwickshire "thick seam" was the one first selected for extensive trial.

CARE IN PREPARATION

The tests show that the preparation of such specially active carbon is a process which must be undertaken with care. The carbon produced is claimed to be very nearly—possibly quite—as good as any imported carbon, and the saving in cost will be considerable.

Discussing advances in coal utilisation the report states that the proportion of British machine-cut coal has approximately doubled in the last seven years. There has been a similar increase in the proportion of coal in small sizes which is "cleaned" before use. More attention is being paid to mechanical systems of breaking and grading, and the suggestion is made that too many size-grades are marketed.

Work on the production of petrol from tar has reached the stage, it is stated, when a simple large-scale plant could be designed, if desired.



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Burglars Run Flats As Safe Is Raided

New York, Dec. 17.—A GANG of burglars who took over the management and operation of a six-storey apartment house in the heart of New York in order to raid a jewel safe are to-day being sought by detectives.

Members of the gang seized three workers in the building, dressed themselves in their clothing, and carried out their jobs for five hours. They showed prospective tenants over vacant flats, ran lifts, stoked the furnace, and worked the telephone switchboard. Meanwhile, another of the gang bored through a ceiling to a jewel shop on the ground floor and opened the safe with oxy-acetylene. Then he removed nearly £2,000 worth of rings and brooches. One of his confederates helped a woman down some steps with her perambulator, and she was so pleased by his courtesy that she gave him a tip.

When the safe crackman had finished his job he rounded up his mates and said "O.K. Let's go"—and they went.

NEW MESSAGE PARLOUR RAID IN NEW YORK

Mystery of a "Titled Englishman"

New York, Dec. 15.—A case in which allegations are made concerning the conduct of a luxurious massage and health institute was resumed to-day in the New York Court of Special Sessions.

The court was again crowded with fashionably dressed spectators, who expected to hear further disclosures about a visitor to the establishment who has been referred to by nurses there only as "the Englishman." The defendant is Dr. Anna Swift. A whip has been produced as evidence, and it has been stated by nurses that "the Englishman" was a popular visitor to the institute.

FOUR NURSES

Nurse Emma Bond testified that the "handsome foreigner known as 'the Englishman'" used to employ four nurses for "treatments" and on one occasion paid £10.

It had been suggested that "the Englishman" had a title, but this statement has not been made during the trial.

To-day the New York police revealed that they had raided another massage parlour and that a doctor named John Vanhorn, and two women, Miss Betty Depollagral and Kate Behrens (described as an operator) were involved in charges concerning immorality.

It was alleged that the woman Behrens "made advances" to a policeman who visited the parlour ostensibly for massage treatment.



The gigantic main road development in Germany is continuing rapidly. During the last two years more than 1,000 kilo-metres of roads have been completed, many in mountainous districts.

Rail King Dies in Train

ROMANCE OF TWO ERRAND BOYS

The Van Sweringen Brothers

New York, Dec. 14.—Mr. Oris van Sweringen, aged 57, one of the celebrated brothers whose dream of railway empire was smashed by the depression, has died of a heart attack aboard a railway train en route from Cleveland to New York. He survived his younger brother, Mantis, by less than a year. The two brothers, who came to be called the Siamese Twins of American railroad finance, were amazingly alike. Both were short, plump, grey-haired and grey-faced, the sons of a poor Ohio farmer of Dutch stock.

From infancy they had been singularly close to each other. Oris was only 12 and his brother 10 when their father died almost penniless. They both left school and began doing odd jobs in the nearby city of Cleveland, working together as errand boys and clerks for real estate salesmen. They always pooled their earnings and devoted their whole lives to advancement, neither ever marrying.

Their first big venture consisted in "selling themselves" as good credit risk to a bank, which financed their purchase of an undeveloped acreage outside Cleveland. "This they turned into a fashionable suburb called Shaker Heights. To-day 30,000 people make their homes there and the valuation, even at depression levels, was £10,000,000.

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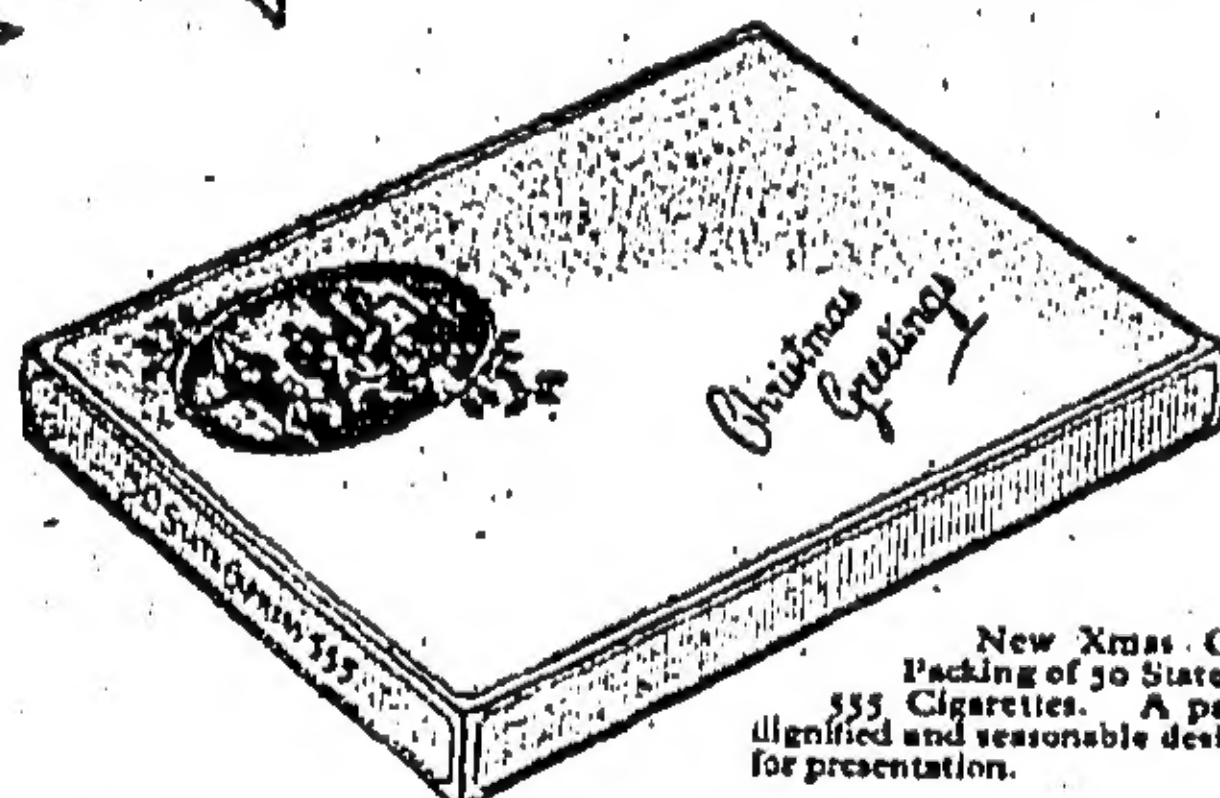
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THE PRESS AND
PEACE

In the November issue of the *Oriental Economist*, an independent organ published in Tokyo, there is a timely appeal by Mr. Tanzan Ishibashi, its editor, to the Press in general to lend its weight to the creation of diplomatic policies which will tend to the preservation of world peace. The article is based on the recent publication by over fifty Chinese newspapers of a lengthy statement addressed "To All Our People and to the Government and People of Japan," in which a warning was issued to the Chinese masses to refrain from anti-foreign speech and action, an assurance given to the Japanese Government and people that recent unfortunate occurrences were in no wise reflective of thought common to most of the Chinese, an appeal made to Japan to soften her attitude towards China, and a plea put forward for co-operation, in which the Japanese Press were asked to use their influence. Mr. Ishibashi laments the fact that the Chinese appeal attracted so little attention in Japan, and bemoans the attitude of one vernacular journal which presented the statement under the heading, "Chinese Impudence." It is beyond question that there are sections of the Press in every country which seem bent on destroying the peace structure rather than on reinforcing it, and the influence which these journals exercise on mass opinion is undoubtedly a factor in inflaming national passions. Conversely, the Press can, and in innumerable instances does, do much to create international concord and friendship. Mr. Ishibashi puts his finger on one of the worst evils when he says that many newspapers get carried away by extreme nationalism. He might have gone further still by laying much of the blame for this unhappy circumstance on Governments which exercise complete control over the Press, even to the extent of making the nation's newspapers the mouthpieces of official propaganda matter which often serves to engender hatred and friction. No-one imagines for a moment that the Press in totalitarian States can exercise an influence which would run contrary to governmental ideas. On the

PEACE on EARTH? By the Very Rev. W.R. INGE, D.D.

I AM writing this article simply as a Christian who wishes to celebrate the birthday of the Prince of Peace with joy and thankfulness, but is almost overwhelmed by a bitter disappointment. For it really looks as if the most earnest attempt ever planned to "make wars to cease in all the world" has failed finally and completely. It has failed because, in spite of the hideous experiences of the last war, and the even more hideous horrors of the next war, if there is one, the nations of the Continent are not converted.

We in Britain have done our best. We may say with the Psalmist, "I labour for peace; but when I speak unto them thereof, they make them ready to battle." Not one of the Great Powers has stood honestly by our side.

For France, the League is only a machine for maintaining the *status quo*, and their own hegemony in Europe.

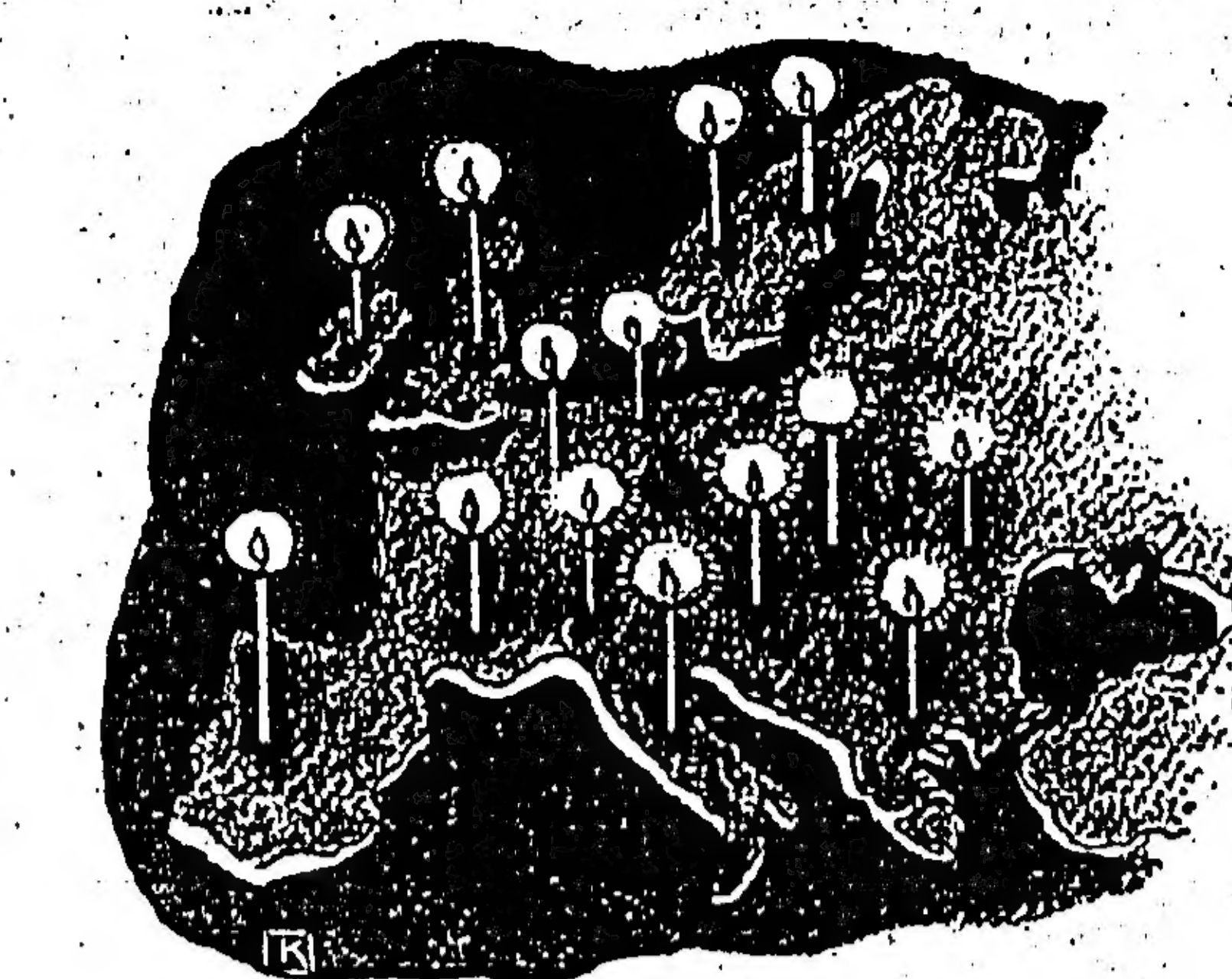
America makes broad her phylacteries, and leaves an effect on the Continent to stew in its own juice.

Russia is piling up a gigantic army, certainly not meant for show. When she resumes her old policy of conquest and annexation, our fatuous Socialists, who are now howling for war with Italy on behalf of the League, will sing a very different tune. They would not insult a Russian football team—if the Russians play football.

This sounds self-righteous, I know; we have not always been pacifists. It was in 1645, the year of the battle of Naseby, that the young John Milton wrote his *Nativity Ode*, "the most exquisite piece of word-music that has ever been brought out of the English language."

On the first Christmas Day, he reminds us, "there was really peace on earth. No war, or battle's sound. Was heard the world around; The idle spear and shield were high uphung; The hooked chariot stood unstained with hostile blood; The trumpet spake not to the armed throng, And Kings sat still with awful eye, As if they surely knew their sovereign Lord was by."

Twelve years later another Puritan poet, Andrew Marvell,



wrote another Ode in a very different spirit, the spirit, not of Christ, but of Napoleon and Treitschke, of Hitler and Mussolini. It commemorated Cromwell's victories. It was his hero's task "to ruin the great work of time, And cast the Kingdoms old into another mould; Though justice against Fate complain, And plead the ancient rights in vain; But these do hold or break As men are strong or weak." Oliver was to crown his glorious career by smashing our allies in the Great War—"A Caesar he ere long to Gaul, To Italy an Hannibal."

Why this change of tone? Because England was for a few years the strongest military power in Europe. Happily, Cromwell was the last man to take such advice; he was a cautious and level-headed Englishman.

Our fits of jingoism have been short and relatively mild. Burke was right when he spoke of "the ancient and inbred integrity, piety, good nature and good humour of the English people."

And now I am convinced that we have put the evil spirit away from us for ever, and not, as our neighbours say, because we have got all we want. We think the time has come, after nearly 2,000 years, to give Christianity a trial in international affairs.

We think we have done so already, do we? Then listen to this piece of pagan war-morality, 2,300 years ago. "Do you think it right," says Socrates, "that Greeks should enslave

Greeks? Clearly, no Greek should make a slave of another Greek. We must not spoil the dead in battle, or hinder their burial. We shall not offer up trophies in the temples, fearing that the offering of trophies taken from kinmen may be a pollution. We shall not devastate the land of Greek enemies, nor burn their houses; it is only lawful to reap standing corn, without injuring the next harvest."

And now it is assumed that in the next war each side will try to exterminate the women and children of the other by poison and incendiary bombs. What has come to us? Civilised nations have never behaved so before. Are the nations of Europe, bound together by race, religion, common traditions and culture, less akin to each other than Athenians and Spartans in the time of Plato?

Those who had to do the killing in the Great War felt that the whole business was horrible and unnatural. A young officer, who was killed on the following day, wrote in his last letter home, near Christmas-time in night digging, I was shifted to make room for some other company. I advanced to a cemetery to defend it and stayed there most of the day. It is a beastly thing to have to do, digging trenches among graves and pulling down crosses and ornamental wreaths to make room.

"One feels that something is wrong when a man lies down be-

hind a child's grave to shoot at a bearded German who has probably got a family anxiously awaiting his return at home.

"There was a large crucifix at one end. The sight of the bullets chipping Christ's image about, and the knowledge of what He has done for us and the Germans, and what we are doing to His consecrated ground and each other, made one feel sick of the whole war, or sicker than before."

Well, I suppose we ought to put these thoughts away from us on Christmas Day. It is the child's festival, the most popular of the Christian holy days—the least ecclesiastical (it made its way curiously late into the calendar) and perhaps for that reason the most Christian of our feasts.

For we are to enter into the Kingdom of Heaven as little children; as that most attractive of mediæval visionaries, Julian of Norwich, says, "To me was shown no higher stature than childhood." Christianity was founded by a young man; it is a religion for the young, and for those who remain young in heart though their hair is grey.

There is something very charming and inspiring in the faith, hope and charity which have survived contact with the world and experience of its ways. The religion of the devout recluse is good, but the religion of the good man of the world is better.

In such characters we see the true Christian temper. A sunny, genial spirit it is, unclouded by suspicion, unburdened by care; a spirit which has found a natural wealth in contentment, instead of an artificial poverty in luxurious requirements; a spirit which is not ashamed to enjoy heartily, to reverence humbly, to admire unreservedly, to love and trust with the whole heart.

In a word, it is the spirit of a child, which has retained its bloom and grace and fragrance long after the cool morning hours have changed into the glare and dust and heat of mid-day.

Do not let us be too superior to enjoy an old-fashioned Christmas with the children, who love it. It should revive early memories which we should be ungrateful to forget.

STRANGE PREMONITIONS

THE weird and exciting stories from real life are oftentimes stranger than those conjured up by the imaginative authors. A few of those told to me during the past few years by friends and acquaintances will be of interest.

When 40 years of age I was strolling along a dark, quiet thoroughfare, not thinking of anything in particular, when suddenly for no apparent reason whatever I became paralysed. My feet halted in their stride and no effort of my astonished self would induce them to go on again.

I remained in this mysterious condition just long enough to allow a car to dash out of an unexpected opening, and flash past within an inch of my nose.

My mind went back 25 years. The scene was a public school. It was voting day and crowds of would-be voters and others were congregated near the entrance gates, where the polling booth was situated. We could see across the road, but not to right or left, and when on being released from school my friend, schoolboy fashion, suggested "a race across the road" I was nothing loath.

The "ready, set, go!" was said, and my playmate ran, but for me a strange and disconcerting paralysis. My friend ran under the wheels of a passing horse and trap, and was carried home unconscious. My sixth sense saved me from grave harm on my recent stroll, as it did on that occasion 25 years previously.

While I was standing at my front door one morning a neighbour ran past without hat or coat, a look of distress on her face. I hurried after her, enquiring what was the matter. She said "something had happened to her man." I asked her to go back home, and I would run for the doctor. "It's happened at work," she assured me. "I was standing by the fire and glancing up, I saw him

other hand, it is equally true that in those nations where the freedom of the Press is unfettered there are journals which abuse their privilege and, either deliberately or by lack of discretion, arouse international discord. The responsibility of the Press in these matters was never greater than it is to-day. But that of Governments is even greater still.

Stories From Real
Life

standing at the kitchen door and I said, 'What's the matter, have you not started work?' He vanished immediately. Being quite sure he was having a joke on me I looked all over the house. Then doubt turned to fear. I was certain something really serious had taken place."

We ran along side by side to the works, and I said, "How he will laugh when he sees us like this." But he never set eyes on either of us again. His last seen was his appearance in the doorway.

A year ago my husband was taken into hospital. On sitting alone in the house waiting the arrival of the post, a week later, I distinctly remember my name being called. On making searching inquiries I failed to learn the mystery, until I visited the hospital the next day and my husband's first words were, "I've called repeatedly and thought you were never going to answer me."

A few days before his death I lay in bed and the whole of that night which seemed endless, I felt a constant tapping of my knees. Stop it, I could not.

On visiting the hospital in the morning I found my husband was busy tapping in the same manner as I had felt during the night. His end drawing near, he looked at me so pitifully and raised his hand to mine. The following day he passed away.

One day in the year 1910, I had just finished a letter to my brother in France. I had not been long asleep when I was rudely awakened by loud knocks on the door. A friend of mine was ill, and thinking it was someone seeking me, I looked out of the window, but could see nothing.

again. There was still no one outside the door.

At the same time my sister, who lives about ten miles away from our place, had the same experience.

A week later, we both received word that our brother had been killed at the time we heard the repeated knockings.

While travelling to a popular resort, I had a most unusual experience. During the train journey I was obsessed by a feeling that all was not well. A companion to whom I divulged this premonition tried to put my mind at ease, but in vain.

A few moments later a guard opened the door and told us to alight. Due apparently to a faulty coupling, the rear compartment, which we occupied, had become detached from the rest of the train, and had stopped on the level track. Had this occurred on a decline it would have brought disastrous consequences.

Some may dismiss my story as "pure coincidence," but I wonder?

Cecil Rhodes

Old Scots Marriage Customs

AN old Scots proverb declares that "there are mair married than gude house hauders," and while this may be disputed, there is no doubt that despite slender financial resources or parental disapproval, there is never any lack of lads and lasses who are willing to try matrimony.

It is generally well known that according to the law of Scotland fornications are unnecessary, and marriage may be completed by mutual consent. This is known as irregular marriages, and is completely binding and perfectly legal. The only condition is that one of the parties must have, immediately preceding the ceremony, not less than three weeks residence in Scotland.

There are a number of strange customs and instances of irregular marriages recorded, and one of the old methods was "marrying by meal." In this, the two contracting parties knelt facing each other, each with a handful of meal, and with a basin between them. They placed their hands, full of meal, in the basin and mixed it, in token that they would not part until death severed the union. After swearing on a Bible to this effect, the couple rose and declared themselves man and wife. An instance of this form of marriage between a Daikelt-couple took place as recently as 1897.

A Trial Run

Even trial marriages are no new things in Scotland, for a curious custom, at one time prevalent in Dumfriesshire, was that couples married for a year simply by shaking hands. A curious form of marriage which has since passed into a proverb was "Ruglen or Rutherglen marriages." As recently as 1880 persons were married without the proclamation of

Girvan was reached, and strangely enough the front left wheel of the locomotive was found to be badly cracked, a fault which would undoubtedly have caused an accident had the train proceeded further.

On my return journey the feeling persisted despite my companion's assurance that all was well. Suddenly the train slowed down and came to a full stop on a high embankment.

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banns in this Lanarkshire town by a strange arrangement on the part of the authorities. A friend of the parties having lodged information that they had been married without legal banns, the offenders were summoned before the Sheriff, who then imposed a fine of five shillings. The couple was then handed a printed form, duly completed, which, by discharging the fine, certified the marriage. Truly a cheap way of obtaining official confirmation.

Another method of irregular marriage was known as "jumping the broomstick," while a clandestine affair was described as a "half milk marriage."

"Winning the Kail"

Many old proverbs relate to wedding customs, and no proper good advice to couples about to enter this state. One such declares that "ill-fortune follows them that are married in May," and a similar proclaims, "Marry in May, you'll rue the day."

The Scottish prejudice against marriages celebrated in this month arose from the fact that Queen Mary was married to Bothwell in May.

An old custom at Scots marriages was "running the broose," in which the younger male guests rode a race for a basin of broth; the custom was also known as "winning the kail," and a relic of it still exists in the Borders, where a race, usually on foot, is run for a silk handkerchief presented by the bride.

Following marriage, it was often the habit for the young men of the place to visit the couple, and then to decorate the groom with flowers and a red cloth, with a song about his neck. The burden could only be removed by the bride kissing her husband, and so securing his freedom.

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It is seldom that anyone under the age of thirty is affected. Usually the patient is nearer fifty. It is not common to find women sufferers.

Young men who take a great deal of exercise and then "run to seed" in later life, taking a good deal too much to eat, are especially prone to gout.

These attacks often follow a chill. The affected joint, most commonly the great toe joint, becomes red, swollen, and exceedingly painful.

Affects the Extremes

The foot, ankle, hands, and fingers may be the seat of the trouble, and sometimes the ears are affected, but the great toe, at the joint nearest the foot, is usually attacked.

The patient's temperature may rise, but it falls as the attack subsides, generally in about a week. Those who are subject to gout usually have one or two bouts a year, as often as not in the spring and autumn.

An attack is generally followed by an improvement in health and temper, for the chronic sufferer is usually a person of uncertain moods. As a rule he can tell when an attack is due, for he becomes bad tempered and feels a tingling in the joint.

When an acute attack occurs, the affected limb should be raised and wrapped in cotton wool.

Fomentations are of value. These should be wrung out of a warm solution of bicarbonate of soda. Use a desiccated spoonful to a pint of water.

The limb should be protected from pressure of bedclothes. This can be done by placing a chair on its back under the blankets.

It is, however, important to avoid further trouble by regulating the diet and habits. A regular life with moderation in all things is essential. Gentle daily exercise should be taken; hot baths are of value. Care should be exercised to avoid chills.

On Your Menu

Plenty of water to drink—at least three pints per day—helps to flush the kidneys and keep the blood fluid.

Diet should be reduced all round, and meat (preferably white) taken only once a day. Liver, sweetbreads, and all rich dishes, such as duck and goose, rich pastry and sweets, are better avoided. Tomatoes, rhubarb and strawberries are unsuitable.

Milk, bread, a little cheese, and eggs can be recommended.

Gentle massage often helps those who are chronic sufferers from gouty joints, as does the application of heat, but massage should not be given during an acute attack.

Walking on the inside of the side-walk.—*United Press.*

'YES MEN DATES' DISGUST CO-EDS

Modesto, Cal. Dec. 20.

Modesto Junior College co-eds would welcome a slight return to Victorian principles and conduct in their suitors, according to a survey just made of the campus.

When it comes to "dates," they do not want either "yes men," crooners or egotists.

What they most dislike in men are Dutch treats, petting, and the necessity of men combing their hair every few minutes.

As to "don'ts" generally, a few are:

Don't smoke too much.
Don't kiss on the first date.
Don't try to make a good impression by wisecracking.
Don't talk aimlessly just to make a good impression.
Don't be the type that greets a girl with an emphatic whack on the back, or who nudges her when something amusing occurs.

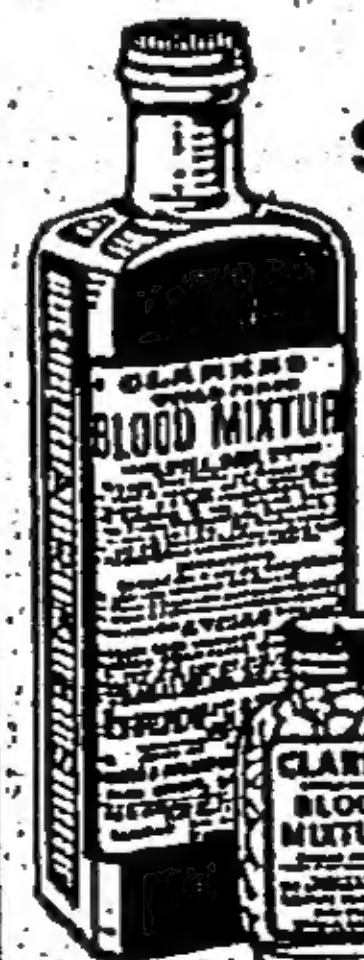
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Don't embarrass your date by

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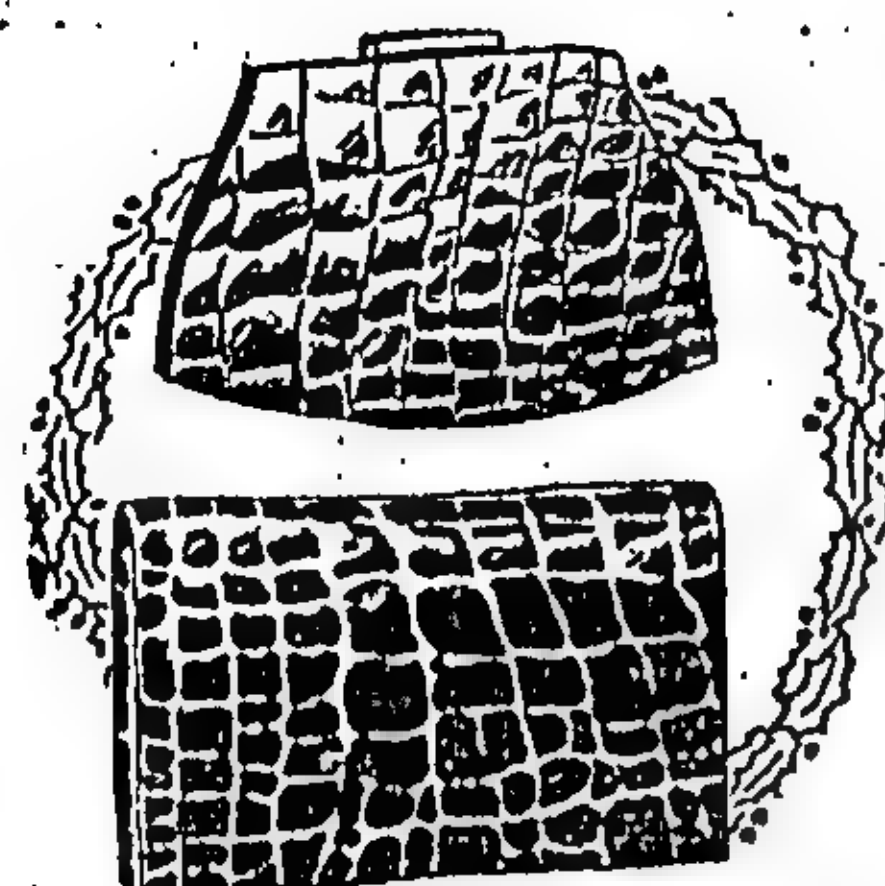
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The dweller a king that
loved his people,
Through which, their dyde many a
daughty man.

This noble king was called Cam-
byuskan.

Chaucer's "Cambyuskan" is
better known as Genghis Khan.

More accurately as Chingis Khan.

Born when Henry II was reigning
in England, Chingis—whose original
name was Temugin—was the son of a
nomad adventurer in the country
around Lake Baikal. In youth he was
hunted by his father's enemies, a fugi-
tive, an outcast.

His successors pushed into Europe,
as far as Moravia and Hungary. His
descendant, Baber, founded the
Mughal dynasty in India, of which
the last prince was shot by "Hodson,
of Hodson's Horse," outside Delhi,
during the Mutiny.

For a while the Mongol Empire was

the biggest, the widest, the world had
known—far wider than the Roman or
the Macedonian. Then it crumbled.
The Mongols withdrew to their
prairies. One of the strangest and
bloodiest episodes of history faded into
grim legend.

Mr. Fox has tried to give a picture
of the man and his deeds, of the
man whom a Chinese historian de-
scribed as "with cat's eyes, awe-striking,
a butcher, just, resolute, an over-
thrower of enemies, intrepid, sangui-
nary and cruel," of his deeds,
which were like the man. It is a
fascinating tale excellently well told.

He has pointed out clearly how, for
all their horrors the Mongol conquests
did for a while give a conqueror's
peace to Middle Asia, opened the
trade routes between China and the
West and so profoundly affected
world history.

But the problem of how and why
this tiny nation of horsemen became
for a brief span world conquerors has
baffled even Mr. Fox.

He falls back on a religious explana-
tion, in terms of Communist mysticism.
"Chingis, in claiming the protection
of the Blue Sky, of heaven itself, was
really unconsciously expressing the
fact that the Mongols were acting as
the armed instrument of the laws of
human history."

A nameless monk explained an
earlier Asiatic conqueror—Attila—as
"the scourge of God for the chastise-
ment of Christians." The monkish
jargon is at any rate crisper.

W. N. E.

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REGIONAL TYPES OF BRITISH
AGRICULTURE

Edited by J. P. Maxton

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TO-DAY, when the economic,
social and political aspects of
British agriculture call for so
much consideration, comment is
often ill-informed, because
speakers and writers do not know
that Great Britain is a mosaic of
various soils, rainfall and degrees
of fertility.

One-third of England and Wales
serves no agricultural purpose worth
mention. The same may be said of
three-quarters of Scotland. Professor
Stapledon says we might add 15,000,000
acres of cultivable hill-land to the
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use in Great Britain, but the Govern-
ment with the will and the man with
the vision remain to be seen.

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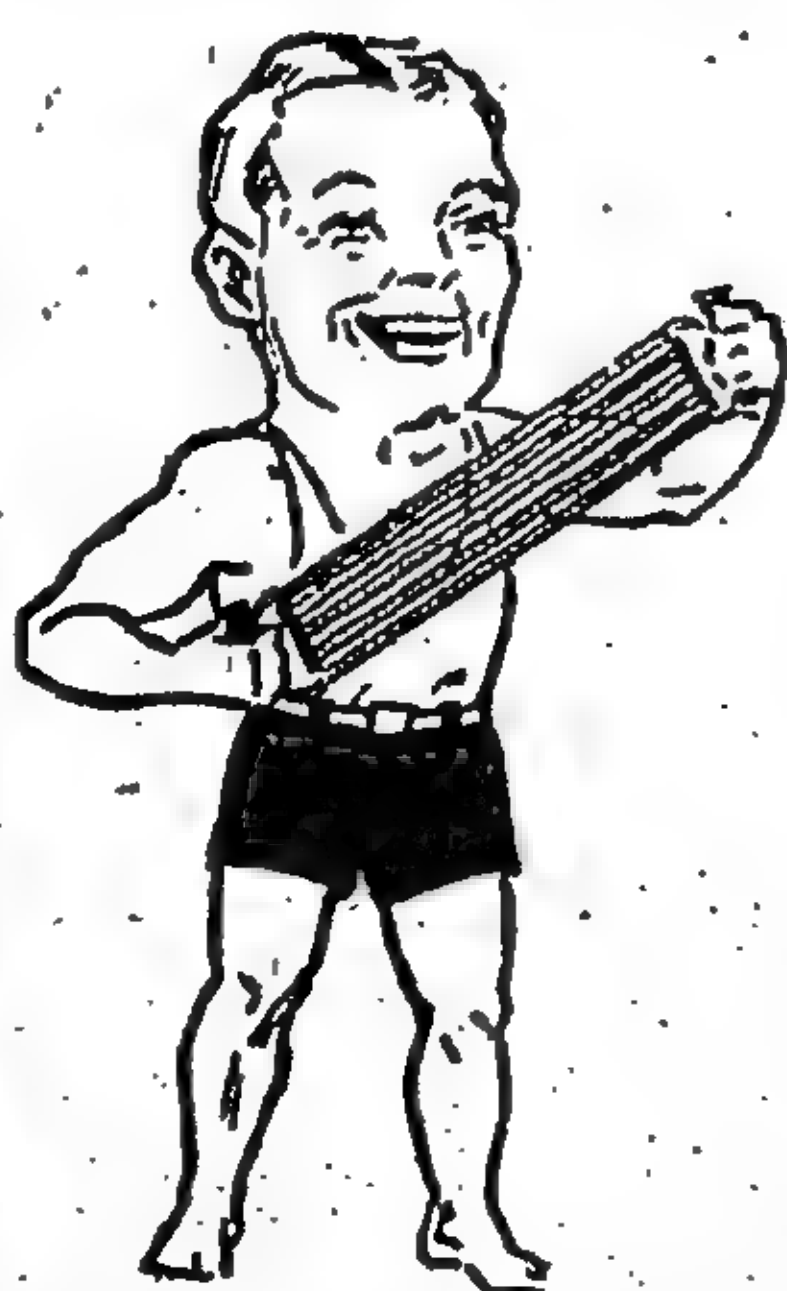
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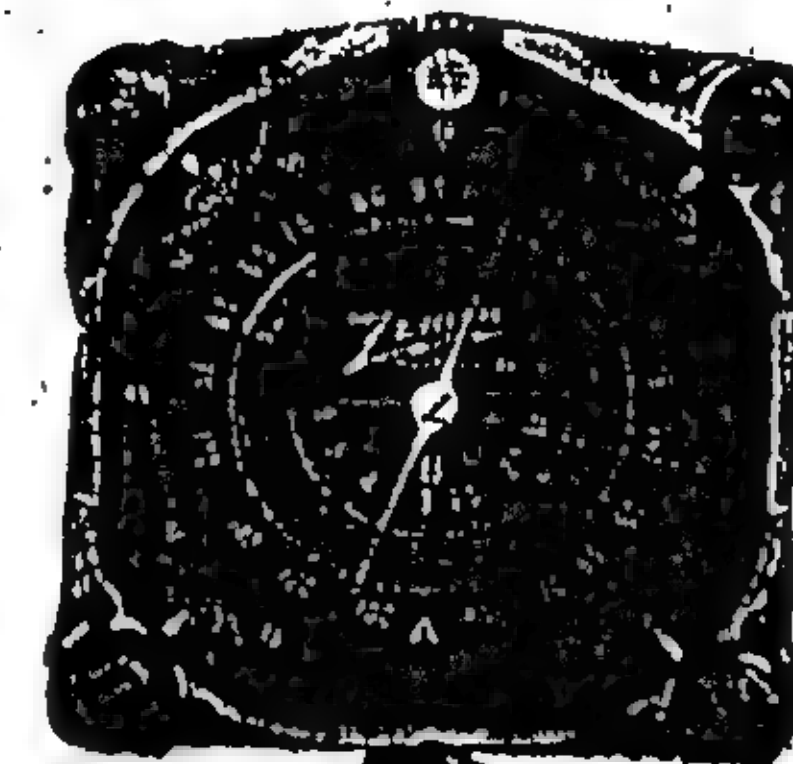


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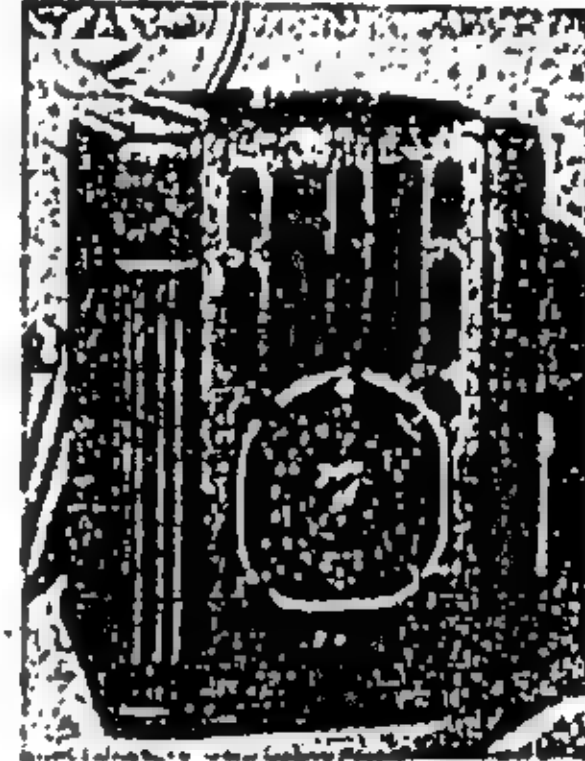
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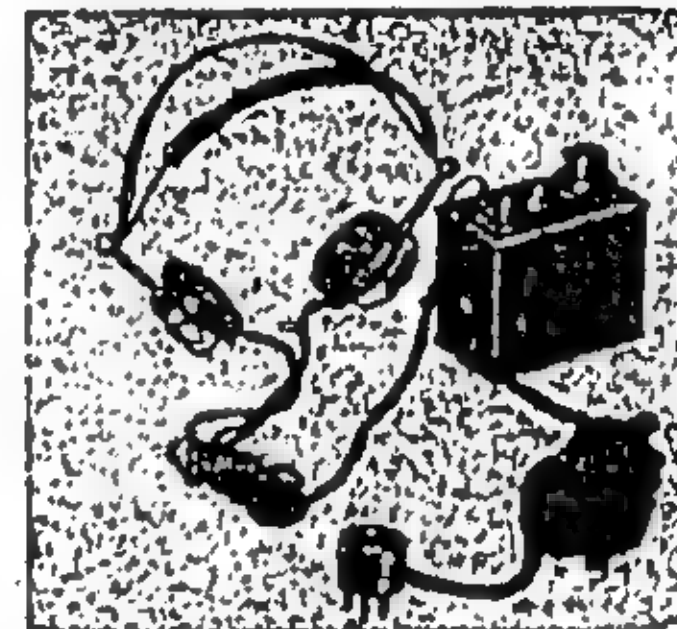


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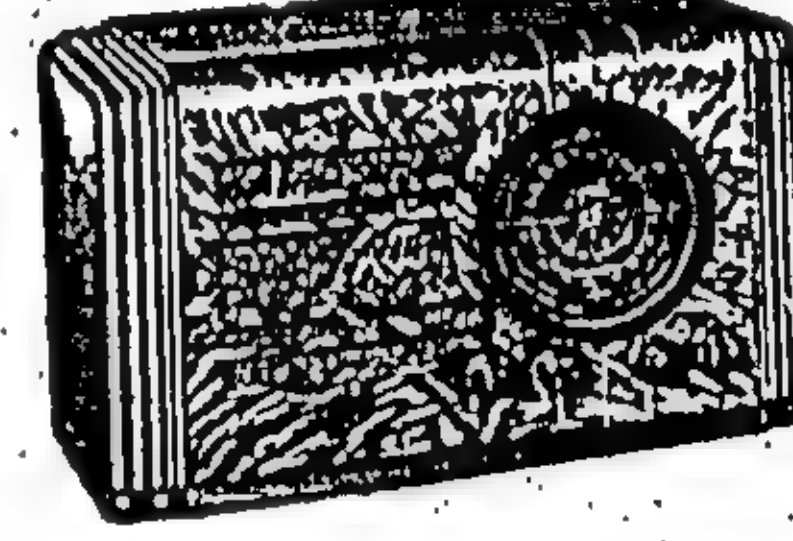
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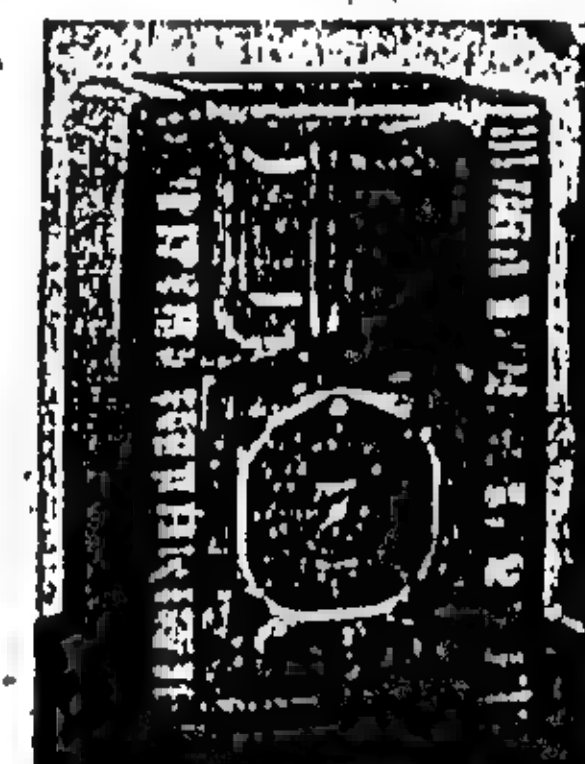


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OUR WEEKLY
HOCKEY FEATURE

SHANGHAI MAY BE UNABLE TO SEND INTERPORT XI

TIMELY INNINGS
BY BOUCHERSaves Navy From Rout In
Triangular Tournament
Cricket Match

The Army gained a useful position at the end of the first day's play in their Triangular Tournament cricket match against the Navy which is being played on the Club ground. In response to the Navy's 150, the Army scored 165 for the loss of seven wickets, thanks largely to Captain L. J. Walsh, who rattled up a very fast and vigorous 67. Earlier in the day Lieut. Garthwaite bowled skilfully for the Army to take 7 for 49. The match will be concluded to-day.

Below R. Abbit gives his commentary on yesterday's play up to the tea interval.

(By R. Abbit)

The game started at 11.40, the Navy going to the wickets first on what did not look too nice a pitch. Phillimore was bowled early on, but Davies (the Engineer-Commander), and Cochrane took the score to 20 before the former played a bit soon to one of Garthwaite's which cooked up a bit and was caught by mid-off—a soft 'un.

Kirkwood lifted his first ball to extra for two but the next which looked a beautiful in-swinging clean bowled him.

Donald came in but in Garthwaite's next over, after square-cutting a beautiful four, he was completely deceived by the pace of the ball and returned it tamely to the bowler.

Rylands had opened at the Yard end and flew about a good bit, and Murphy had relieved him before the second wicket fell. Starting very short he began to find a length and at 55 Cochrane, who had been trying to force the pace, mistimed one and Murphy uncorked about eight feet of arm and caught a hit which the average man could not have touched.

Boucher and Wauchope were now together. They did not seem to be very happy and let off several leg balls that should have gone for four. Boucher did not seem to be seeing the ball very well, and he appeared to be short of practice.

The Army bowlers were bowling quite a few short ones which got up nastily. At 62 Wauchope, who had not been down at Garthwaite's end before was caught at mid-off. The bowler, who had got 5 for 16 was varying his pace (and his length) a good deal, but some of the trouble was bad batting.

Ryland went on again for Murphy, but Boucher off-drove him beautifully along the carpet, and after a single to leg, one kicked up and went off Hayler's glove for four, being deflected on the leg side of the wicket-keeper who failed to get across to it as he was expecting it to come on the off—or so it seemed. Boucher seemed to be getting a sight of the ball now and a long top of Garthwaite's which kicked high was crashed to long leg.

AFTER TIFFIN

The batsmen took the score to 80 when Hayler was given L.B.W. to Garthwaite off a ball which hit him high up on the thigh—and he did not double up, and he is a big man; one of the most curious decisions I have seen for a long time. 80-7-7.

When 80 was up Prowse was caught

at backward leg off a no-ball from Garthwaite. Boucher celebrated this by hitting Rylands for six over the score-board, and followed it by a hook to square leg for four. Boucher was now getting going but unfortunately Prowse tried to emulate him and from an off drive off Rylands was well caught high up by Walsh at mid-off. 106-8-6.

Pritchard relieved Rylands and the fourth ball went over the scoring box but Boucher did not go for everything—very wisely. However, in Garthwaite's next over he "had a go" and his off peg went back 127-9-47. He will be a delightful bat to watch, but not to bowl to—when he gets a sight of the ball here.

Tufnell glided Pritchard for two and put him away to leg for a single. Next over he drove Garthwaite for four and hooked one to the square leg boundary. Murphy went on for Pritchard, but a few singles and a big four driven straight by Tufnell resulted. Pritchard went on at the other end and Harper was caught at backward point, the innings closing for 150 odd. On such a wicket and against the Army quite a fair score. Certainly much better than seemed likely at one time.

THE ARMY BAT

Daniels and Moreton opened to Harper and Boucher. Moreton hooked Boucher for four and next over off-drove Harper for a similar number. In Harper's fourth over he turned one in which laid Moreton out for a minute, and a fine length one two balls later bowled him. Both bats were quite well pitched up. 17-1-7.

I gather I must have been wrong about that off drive, but I certainly thought Moreton hit two fours—but I suppose the scorers know best. Jackson succeeded but was definitely unhappy with Harper. Daniels was batting watchfully and looked Boucher's short ball very well on occasions. (Note: the scorers have just given up and altered Moreton's score to 10, so I was right!).

At 22 Jackson, who had never been comfortable, cocked one up from Boucher and Cochrane a silly mid-off dashed across and brought off a good catch. 22-2-2.

Garthwaite had a spot of bother with his first three balls but drove the fourth straight for four. Daniels was playing nice cricket and defending well, while his leg strokes were excellent. But Boucher, who had "bowled himself in" bowled the bats-

(Continued on Page 13)

Our Daily Golf
Hint

Style is a fetish with many players. The man who worries about style ought to give up golf.

—P. A. F. G. L.

FANLING
RACE
MEETINGTAKES PLACE ON
BOXING DAY

THE PROSPECTS

(By "Captain Foster")

The Christmas Meeting, under the auspices of the Fanling Hunt and Race Club will be held at Kwant Course, Fanling, on Boxing Day commencing at 2.30 p.m.

The attention of the public is drawn to the fact that additional coaches will be attached to 12.12 p.m., and 1.25 p.m. trains to Fanling, and the 9.30 p.m. train to Kowloon. The Railway fare is 22 including admission to the Public enclosure and tickets may be purchased at the Kowloon Railway Station.

Very good entries have been received and owing to the large number for the December Country Cup, this race has been divided into two divisions. There are six races on the card and a good day's sport is assured.

The opening event, the Canberra Handicap, is a steeplechase over 1½ miles for Australian ponies and the race has attracted seven entries. My money is on The Giraffe who won the Australian Grand National last February. He should be followed by Lucy Glitters and Streamline.

The Shing Mun Plate is a hurdle event for China ponies over 1½ miles and it looks as though Belmont Star will be dangerous. Gold Currency and King's Parade should be in the limelight.

The original allotment of weights for the Taipo Handicap which is a steeplechase for China ponies over 1½ miles has been amended and Diogenes holds the post of honour instead of Estover. The former won four good races last season and he should have no difficulty in passing the wire first. Estover and like are to fill the minor places.

My vote for the December Country Cup (first division) is Jack O'Lantern, Glenishee and Mortmain, while for the second division Ebony Idol, Dalren and Festival Eve should finish in the order named.

The meeting will close with a flat race over ½ mile for China ponies to be ridden by ladies and it is an event for post entries. As the starters will not be declared until 1 p.m., on the day of the race, I cannot make any selections.

MY SELECTIONS
For Card Of Five
Events

(By "Captain Foster")

My selections for the Xmas Meeting are as follows:

CANBERRA HANDICAP

The Giraffe
Lucy Glitters
Streamline

SHING MUN PLATE

Belmont Star
Gold Currency
King's Parade

TAIPO HANDICAP

Diogenes
Estover
Ike

DECEMBER COUNTRY CUP
(FIRST DIVISION)

Jack O'Lantern
Glenishee
Mortmain

DECEMBER COUNTRY CUP
(SECOND DIVISION)

Ebony Idol
Dalren
Festival Eve

Boxing Day
Sports Page
Features

Once again on Saturday the Telegraph will offer to its readers the best local sports page features for the holidays.

"Captain Foster," the Colony's best racing commentator, begins his annual review of the year's racing, and includes in his first contribution some highly interesting statistics.

"Veritas" will examine the prospects for the week-end Cup and League football in a special article, and there will be the usual "Club-house Chatter" feature.

FINANCIAL
DIFFICULTIESHONGKONG
AWAITS
ASSURANCESPOSITION IS
OBSCURE

News has reached me from a very reliable source that the Shanghai Ladies Interport team are rather doubtful of making the trip to Hongkong this season due to financial difficulties. They have not commenced their Hockey league as yet and no trials have taken place so far.

The Hongkong Ladies Hockey Association has to date received no confirmation of the forthcoming Interport and I hope the Shanghai ladies will do their best and endeavour to make the trip South.

There is still plenty of time for our Northern friends to make a decision and lady hockey enthusiasts in the Colony should not in the least be perturbed.

SECOND
LADIES'
TRIAL
On Sunday

A second Ladies trial is to place on Sunday at 10.15 a.m. on the Club Ground King's Park. The following ladies are requested to appear: Colours: Miss F. Best (C.B.A.), Miss E. Gray (H.K. Ladies) and Miss A. Fowler (Y. Ladies); Mrs. Silva (Recreio), J. Wong (St. Andrew's), and K. Glover (I.C. Ladies); O. Dalziel (H.K. Ladies); W. Marsh, Mrs. Donald (H.K.), M. Smith (Y. Ladies) and M. Westcott (Y.).

Whites: Mrs. Rose (St. Andrew's), J. Walker (C.B.A.) and G. White (St. Andrew's); I. Woolley (C.B.A.), M. McCaw (C.B.S. 'A') and Mrs. Campbell (R. Ladies); R. Blackmore (C.B.A.), P. Gittins (St. Andrew's), Mrs. Burton (C.B.A.), C. Silva (Recreio) and E. Hamon (R.U.R.).

The above teams seem quite evenly matched but I am rather dubious about Miss P. Gittins filling the inside-right berth for the Whites because she is an ideal centre-forward and has always played in that position. Mrs. Burton should be given a trial at inside-right. The problem for the selectors to solve is, whether Miss P. Gittins is a better leader than Mrs. Donald—I think she is.

Who Was
Who In
The First
TrialTHE PILGRIM'S
TEAM

The ladies had their first Interport trial last Sunday and from what I saw of the game Hongkong this season possesses a great deal of talent.

Commenting with the goal-keepers, all credit fell to Mrs. Rose in the first half but as no change was made in the second half she naturally had less work to do.

Mrs. Lunson was rather slow when clearing with her feet. As there are believed to be two trials yet to come I rather fancy the chances of Miss F. Best of the C.B.A.

Now for the backs, Miss A. Fowler gave of her best during the first half but grew too erratic towards the end. Miss J. Smalley though she played a safe game proved too slow for a fast attack. I did not think much of either Miss Grey or Mrs. Burke at right back as both were slow. I hope to see Miss Walker of the C.B.A. and Miss Osmond of the Recreio given a trial.

Of the intermediate line Mrs. Silva, J. Wong and K. Glover did well but Miss I. Woolley has not performed as

LOOKS SAFE FOR
INTERPORT

Miss Olive Dalziel, the brilliant Y.M.C.A. Ladies' right-winger, who is showing consistent form, should experience no difficulty in finding her place in the Interport hockey team this season.

TRIANGULAR
TOURNEYNAVY AND ARMY
SHARE SPOILSDAVIS AT HIS
BEST

In a fast and interesting encounter on the Marine last evening the Navy shared two goals with the Army after a goalless first half.

Breaking away immediately after the bully-off the Army attack was seen in some dangerous moves but Garwood in goal relieved pressure by saving two certain goals from Narain Singh and Pataub. With the exception of a few raids made by the Navy the Army remained on the offensive and gave the Navy a harassing time.

Ten minutes before the interval two glorious opportunities of scoring were missed when Narain Singh and Kuddar Bux failed deplorably.

The Navy's superiority in the second half lay in their half-back line, where Davis as pivot gave a marvellous exhibition, receiving unflinching support from McCoy and Spencer. The Army had hard luck when a terrific drive from Kuddar Bux hit the upright and rebounded into play. Not long after the Navy conceded a short-corner and Capt. Stapleton made no mistake with the resultant hit.

The Navy were by no means discouraged with this unexpected reverse and still continued to hold the advantage territorially. A pretty movement by Bowerman on the left wing, who was up to then playing a poor game, saw Wright at centre-forward receive the ball and beat Howlett from close in, thus equalising for the Navy.

The Army attacked strongly for the remaining ten minutes of the game but the Army defence held out. Ackrey, Lascellas and Wright did well in the Navy attack and Garwood in goal was safe.

The Army should have lead by at least two goals in the first half but Narain Singh was inclined to hang on to the ball too long. Robinson and Pataub worked hard with Capt. Stapleton, Brown and Kishen brilliant in the defence. The Navy now meet the Club in their final encounter.

My choice for an Interport eleven would be: Miss F. Best (C.B.A.) or Mrs. Rose (St. Andrew's) in goal. Backs: Miss Walker (C.B.A.) and Miss A. Fowler (Y.M.C.A.). Half Backs: Miss I. Woolley (C.B.A.), J. Wong (St. Andrew's) and Miss K. Glover (H.K. Ladies). Forwards: O. Dalziel (Y.M.C.A.), W. Marsh (H.K. Ladies), P. Gittins (St. Andrew's), M. Smith (Y.M.C.A.), D. Hamon (C.B.A.) or M. Westcott (Y.M.C.A.).

I hear several young girls in the Brawn Cup Competition are to be given a trial but lack of experience in big games will be a great handicap to the youngsters; anyway one or two might spring a surprise. The next trial game takes place on the Club ground next Sunday at 10.15 a.m.

CAER CLARK CUP

BRILLIANT
DALZIEL
SISTERSHELP "Y" TO WIN
HANDSOMELY

The "Y" ladies defeated St. Andrew's ladies last Saturday on their home ground by five clear goals. Although the Saints put up a strong resistance up to the interval, when the score was one-nil in favour of the Y, the defence collapsed in the second half before the vigorous onslaughts of the "Y" attacks, which were well led by Mrs. Read.

The game commenced at a fast pace and it was only the stubborn defensive work put in by Miss J. Wong, G. White and L. George which kept the "Y" forwards at bay.

The Dalziel combination on the right flank was working in machine-like manner and after five minutes play Sybil, on receiving a pass from Olive, sent in fast drive to give her side the lead. Fifteen minutes later the Saints attack got going and after a nice breakaway Miss F. Wong shot and ten minutes later Mrs. Read added the fourth, Mrs. Rose in trying to save from a difficult angle kicked the ball into her own goal.

Positional changes were then made by the Saints, Miss G. White from the defence changed places with Miss Roza in the attack, but this made matters worse and M. Smith at inside-left found the net twice in quick succession. The "Y" attack kept the Saints on the defensive for the last few minutes of the game.

The Saints line of attack was disjointed and with the exception of Miss P. Gittins who received what support she could from Miss F. Wong, never looked like settling down. Miss J. Wong, Miss Humphreys and Miss G. White formed a hard working defence. The "Y" ladies played well as a team being decidedly superior both in attack and defence.

WASEDA UNIVERSITY
VISIT FIXED

Hongkong will be alive with men's hockey at the beginning of the New Year with the invasion of the Waseda University Hockey team, which is due on January 3.

They hope to remain in Hongkong until January 15.

The Hongkong Hockey Association has arranged the following programme in which the under mentioned teams will take part against the Japanese invaders.

Mon., Jan. 4.—v Argonauts.
Tues., Jan. 5.—v Army.
Wed., Jan. 6.—v H.K. Varsity or The Civilians' 2nd XI.
Fri., Jan. 8.—v Navy.
Sat., Jan. 9.—v Civilians, 1st XI.
Sun., Jan. 10.—v Colony.
Mon., Jan. 11.—v Combined Services.

COLONY'S BEST
RIGHT HALFM. H. HASSAN FOR
THE INTERPORT

(By "The Pilgrim")

M. H. Hassan (Radio Sports Club), whose picture is above, is, in my opinion a certainty for Interport honours this season.

He recently represented the victorious Civilians at right half against the Combined Services.

He was selected for the Interport in 1934 and 1935, but could not participate owing to injury and illness. Nevertheless he played for India in international matches during 1934 and 1935.

He is serving up a good brand of hockey this season and is second to none in the Colony at the moment.

Navy Wins
Junior
Shield TieR.A.S.C. GOOD
LOSERS

Navy, fielding a very powerful team, negotiated their Junior Shield hurdle against R.A.S.C. yesterday with little difficulty, winning by three clear goals.

The Service Corps, though only a third division side, played wholeheartedly, but they could not withstand the persistence of the more experienced Navy players.

Hogler made a welcome return to the nautical side and played a prominent part, though the two players who merited chief commendation were Bell and Bowering, the Service Corps backs. Smith was also in fine fettle in goal.

Smith and Spencer scored for the Navy in the first half, and in the closing stages the winners were predominant and secured a third point through Smith.

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THE TRIANGULAR TOURNAMENT TEST FLASCO

South Africa Was Too Weak, And Australian Cricket Was Under Cloud

(By R. Abbit)

I now come to the final matches before the War—the lamentable failure which was known as the Triangular Tournament when the South Africans came over to England as well as the Australians. The experiment in any case was doomed to failure. No doubt, on paper to its founder, Sir Abe Bailey, who was a great supporter of South African cricket, it looked reasonable enough, but I fancy both he and the other South African authorities entirely underestimated the extent to which it would upset ordinary County cricket and still more the extent to which people would become fed up about this interference.

The County Championship is a thing which has a very great hold upon the affection of the English cricketing public. Unless visiting teams are extraordinarily good and play most interesting cricket they display at times little interest in them except during the Test Matches, and in those days my recollection is that there was far less excitement about Test Matches than there is now.

So when it turned out that the South Africans were a rather weak side, everyone was thoroughly fed up. From the Australians' point of view, of course, it did not matter so much but they had troubles of their own. All was not well with Australian cricket. In fact this is putting it far too mildly. There was a definite split in the cricketing world in Australia and its coming had been evident during the Test Matches in Australia in 1911/12.

It is perhaps a fitting opportunity to explain the method of cricketing control which exists in Australia. I am at the present moment describing the present system but I believe that in all important points it was the same in 1912.

The controlling body in Australian cricket is the Board of Control which is formed by delegates appointed annually by the six States of the Commonwealth. There is at present a somewhat ominous number, 13, as New South Wales, Western Australia, and Victoria each send three delegates, Queensland two, and South Australia and Tasmania one each. Coming down below this supreme council, each state has its own association and these associations are formed by the delegates from the affiliated clubs in each state. That is to say the members of the various clubs elect their own representatives. These representatives become the state controlling body and the state delegates to serve on the supreme Board of Control, which rules the whole of Australian cricket. This supreme Board now meets only four or five times a year, but the state associations meet frequently and at regular intervals.

THE QUARREL

Of the exact details of the miserable quarrel in Australian cricket I am not quite certain but I believe

that part of the trouble was financial. Speaking subject to correction I believe that payment for broken time is not considered to effect a cricketer's amateur status in Australia and I read only the other day that the payment now amounts to about £600 for a tour in England. Anyhow, however that may be, in the early part of 1912 very bitter disagreement broke out between Australia and the Board of Control. It ended in the refusal of Victor Trumper, Warwick Armstrong, Hansford, Coker and Clem Hill to make the trip in the summer. The Editor of Wisden pointed out that it speaks highly for the average of Australian cricket that they could send as strong a side as they did, but very often Bardsley, Macartney and Kelleway had to carry them.

Their side did not have the benefit of Horners' services but they had in R. B. Minnett, T. J. Matthews and W. J. Whitty men who had played against England in Australia before though they had not done very much. S. E. Gregory went too but he was only a shadow of his former self and did little with the bat. Bardsley (165.33), Kelleway (60.00), and Macartney (32.83) were the only three who averaged over twenty and some of the figures are very flattering as the South African bowling was not at all strong. In bowling Matthews took 15 wickets for 17 apiece, Whitty 25 for 19.30, and Hill 19 for 20.04 runs. I am speaking now of Test games only of course.

The weather was also somewhat to blame for the side did well enough on good fast wickets, but after a fine May the weather went to bits

and the summer was a terrible one. The Australians in all played 38 matches of which they won 9, lost 8 and drew twenty. (One against South Wales was abandoned without a ball being bowled.) The fact was they had no spin bowlers who could take advantage of conditions which would have gladdened the heart of a Boyle, a Turner, or a Hoad. The results rather followed the weather. They lost their first match against Notts by six wickets but thereafter they won six straight off the reel, finishing with an innings victory over South Africa at Manchester. Incidentally this was a most unfortunate start for it convinced people that South Africa were not up to Test Match form and robbed the future games of much interest.

ABOUT THE PLAYERS

After this point however the weather became worse and the wickets softer. Australia won only three more matches, including their second Test against South Africa, by July 17, and after this game at Lord's they never won a single game, and their record was twelve draws and four defeats. Kelleway none of their batsmen could really get down to the slow wickets, besides Bardsley and Macartney. Minnett, of whom great things in the batting line had been expected was a great disappointment. C. B. Jennings showed much promise and in a hard-wicket summer would probably have done big things. I do not recall his playing against England again at the moment but he is still alive according to Wisden and aged fifty-two. W. Carkett who had understudied Carter behind the stumps in 1909 was the first wicket-keeper and though he had improved his game considerably he was never in the first flight.

Bardsley created a great impression and Wisden went so far as to say that he was the best of all left-hand bats, not excepting Clem Hill. But it is the way of the cricket world to exalt the idol of the moment above all other players that ever stepped on a cricket field. Macartney was however considered to be the most improved player since 1909, and one can easily recollect the form he showed in 1921. I find that there again as in Wisden in 1913 he is quoted as being reminiscent of Trumper at his best. Kelleway was a stout defensive batsman whose style seemed to forecast the slowness of the recent present-day "non-stop" Tests. Gregory, the skipper, was forty-two and though he started well enough on the hard wickets he fell away later.

I have already referred to the bowling, but taking it a bit more individually Emery bowled well to start with—being tired of writing that bit—but fell off later, as he was by no means certain of his length. Hazlett had more guile at his command than most of the others but he was considered to be straightening his arm a lot before he passed muster. Matthews made Test history when he brought off a hat-trick in each innings against South Africa at Manchester. Macartney was probably as good a slow bowler as anyone of the side on a wicket. He took 43 wickets in all for 16.34 runs but he was nursed in view of the need of his batting. He and Bardsley both got over 2,000 runs which in so wet a season was a great feat. David Denton and Hobbs alone did it among English cricketers that season (when aggregates of 1,000 were few and far between, and they took 54 and 60 innings respectively against 53 by Bardsley and 50 by Macartney. As Kelleway, Gregory and Jennings got aggregates of 1,000 runs there were five out of fifteen players of whom 12. Webster only played in 12, D. Smith in 17 and W. McLaren in 12 matches. So you can call it five out of twelve players. Of all the regular English players who batted more than twenty-seven times, to wit 101 players—only 31 got a four figure aggregate and so the Australians had the better of it by 42% to 31% roughly.

I do not propose to discuss any of the Test Matches in detail save the one in which England beat Australia at the Oval. For the rest the tabulated results with figures will suffice.

AUSTRALIAN TEST MATCHES

(I) Vs South Africa.

First Test at Manchester. Australia 488.

South Africa 265 and 95.

Australia won by an innings and 88 runs.

Second Test at Lord's. South Africa 203 and 173.

Australia 390 and 48 for no wicket.

Australia won by 10 wickets.

Third Test at Nottingham. South Africa 329.

Australia 219. Draw.

(II) Vs England.

First Test at Lord's. England 310 for 7 wickets.

Declared.

Australia 282 for 7 wickets.

Drawn.

Second Test at Manchester. England 203.

Australia 14 for no wicket.

Drawn.

THE FINAL TEST

Thus on August 19, when the final match was due to be played out the situation was that England had won three games and drawn two whereas Australia had won two games and drawn three. No pronouncement had been made either way as to the method of settling the Triangular Tournament's results and, as things stood, the answer, to put it vulgarly, was a lemon either way. If England won all was well of course—and the game was allotted six days if necessary. But if Australia won—either she and England tied as victors, although she had beaten England and had not been

THIRD TEST MATCH

Australian Selectors Make Changes

London, Dec. 23. The Australian team for the third test match will be chosen from the following: D. G. Bradman, C. L. Bledsoe, W. A. Brown, L. S. Darling, J. H. Fingleton, S. J. McCabe, E. L. McCormick, L. G. O'Brien, W. J. O'Reilly, W. A. Oldfield, L. O'Brien, Fleetwood-Smith and F. A. Ward.

Fleetwood-Smith, W. A. Brown and L. S. Darling come into the side in place of A. G. Chippfield, M. W. Slevens, and Ray Robinson, who was twelfth man.

TIMELY INNINGS BY BOUCHER

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man out with one which came in with his arm. 41.3-24.

Pritchard succeeded and shortly after tea was taken—though why the band promptly played "Three Blind Mice" I don't know!

I regret I had to fade away at this stage, and the balance of the game, is not written in the Telegraph of Monday next, along with the Army-Club game? Selah!

beaten by her; or England was beaten and yet had won three games just as the Australians had. But I think that the M.C.C. were quite right to wash out results with regard to the weak S. African side and to announce that the result hung upon the match at the Oval.

England were very strong. Warner, picked to lead them in the previous winter, only played in one game though health had much to do with it. But still more surprising was the omission of Johnny Douglas who had actually been the captain in the previous rubber, and was only picked in this last test owing to the illness of Hayes. Incidentally why Hayes was picked I can never make out. Truly the English selectors did weird things in the five or six years before the war. They loved chopping and changing round and it seems followed the momentary success of any particular participant in county cricket.

The weather was uncertain and C. B. Fry who captained England had some doubt perhaps about batting first as the sun was shining after rain at noon, before which time no play was possible. However he batted and the Australians lacked a Spofforth! Hobbs and Rhodes put up 107 for the first wicket, getting eventually 60 and 49 respectively. Woolley scored 62 and no one else did very much. The side was out for 245. By this time it was the second day and there had been interruptions from rain—which continued on the third day. Kelleway (43) and Bardsley (30) made a desperate stand but the last seven wickets fell for 21 runs—Barnes had five for 30, and Woolley 5 for 20 runs in only 9.4 overs. Australia were out for 101 runs.

England with a lead of 134 did none too well though a providential shower eased the wicket. Hobbs got 32 and Fry 70—one of the best innings he ever played—but apart from Johnny Douglas (24) no one could resist Hazlett who took 7 wickets for 23 runs.

Australia had to get 310 to win when they went in to bat at 3.30 p.m. on the fourth day. Kelleway went before a run had been scored, and though Macartney and Jennings rattled the score up to 40 at a tremendous pace the bats left at that total. Then Bardsley was thrown out by Hobbs when he seemed to be taking the run easily. There was much discussion but the umpire later said it was not even a close thing. It proved to be the end. Australia were out for 65 and England won by 244 runs. Woolley took 5 for 20 and his total in the match was 10 for 49—an amazing performance. Dean had 4 wickets for 19 runs. And so—though none of the players or spectators dreamed of it on that Thursday, August 22—down came the curtain on pre-war cricket. The old wars had touched the game little, the Mutiny and Crimean war had barely disturbed its course, and even the Boer War had little effect on county cricket. It was chiefly on the duration of the war there was little cricket played and that of a temporary make-shift character.

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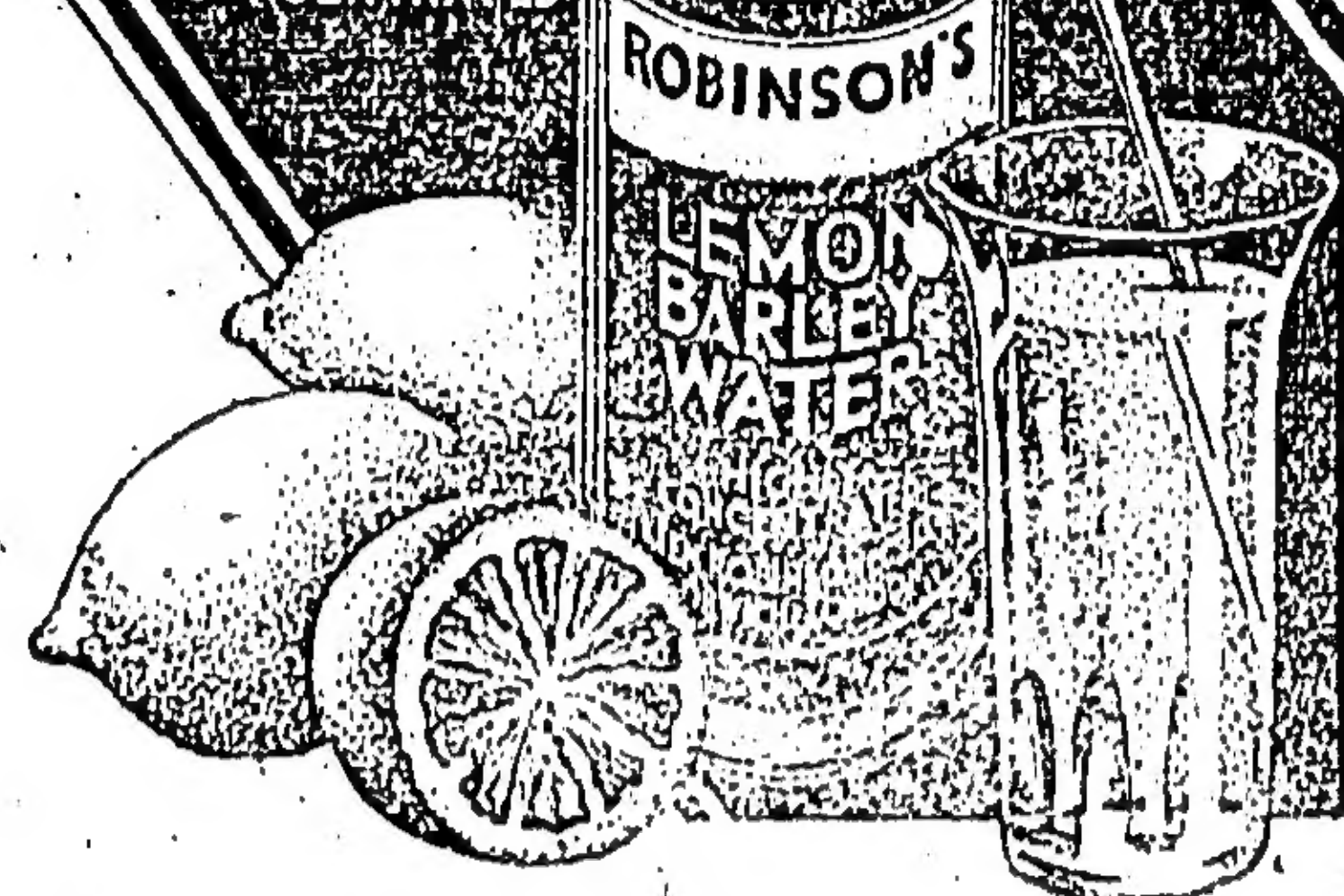
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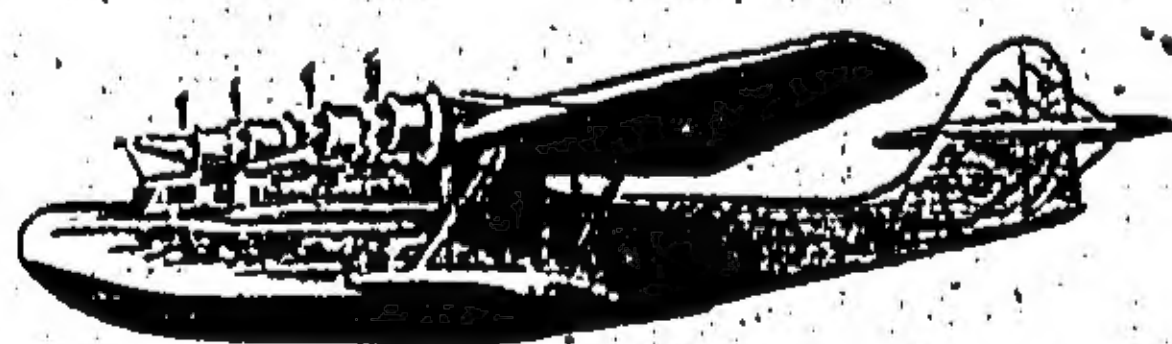
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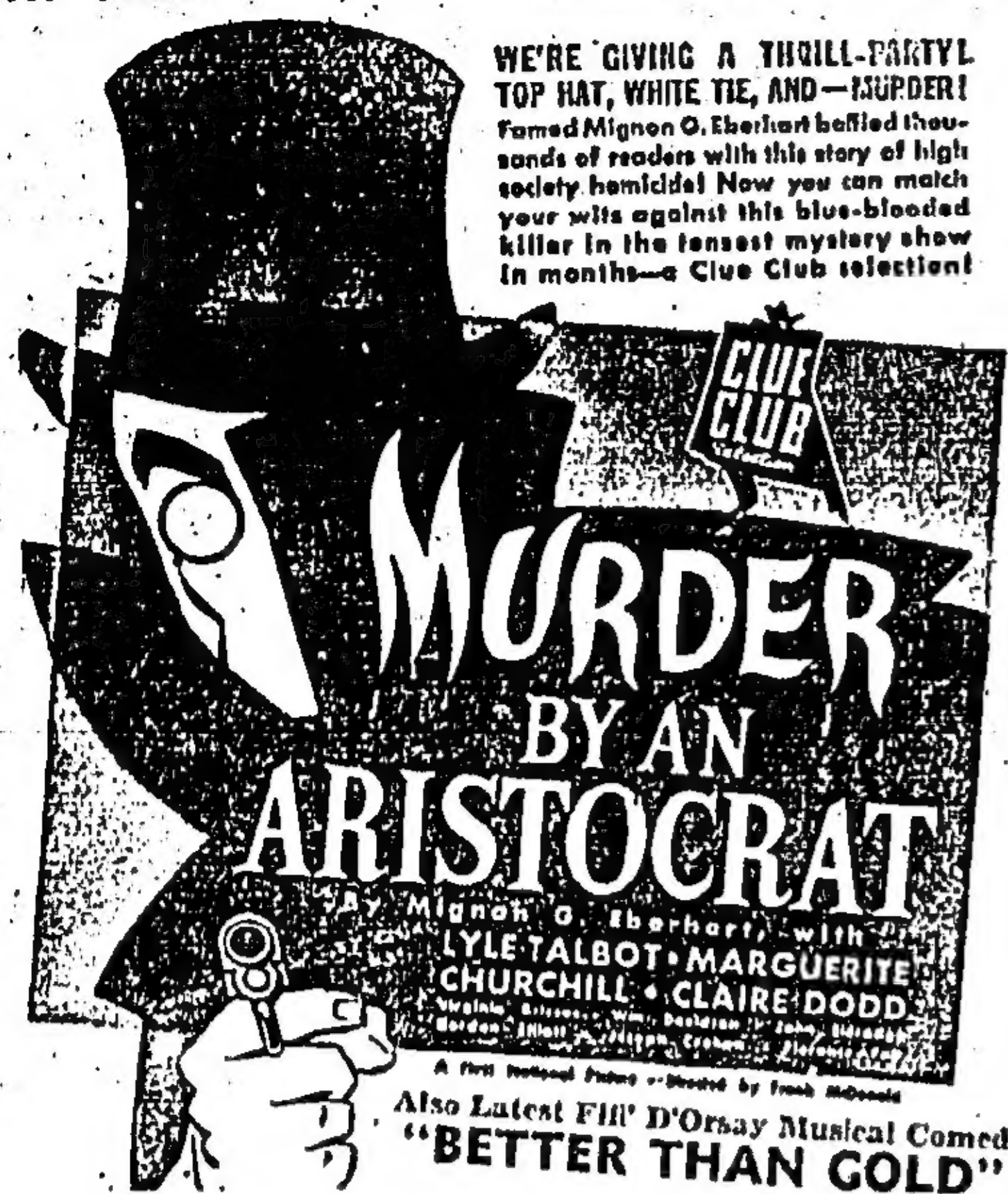
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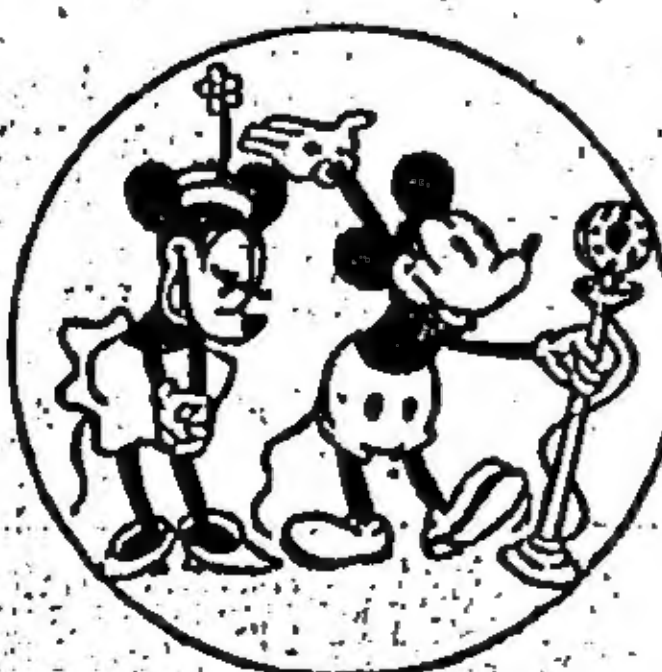
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ATTEMPTS TO BLOCK ARMS FLOW

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proposed scheme of supervision. The Committee agreed to refer this report to their respective Governments with a view to obtaining a final decision thereon at the earliest possible moment, and, subject to the above, authorized the Chairman to communicate the terms of the scheme to two parties in Spain on January 1, unless before that date any of the Governments represented had asked that the question should be considered at a further meeting.

FURTHER POINTS

The Committee further agreed that the communication to the two parties should contain a request that they should furnish, within ten days of receipt, a reply on whether they were prepared to co-operate in the proposed scheme. The Committee also agreed to request the respective Governments to notify the Committee in writing not later than January 4 whether they were prepared to contribute towards the cost of the proposed system of supervision over the land and sea frontiers of Spain and Spanish dependencies, in proportions which already had been suggested to the Committee.

The Committee had before them a further report by technical advisers on the methods by which the system of supervision over the entry into Spain of aircraft by air might be established. The Committee agreed to submit a report to the respective Governments with a view to the Governments' concerned furnishing the Committee with their observations thereon at the earliest possible moment.

The Committee had under consideration the question of the need for the adoption of a uniform interpretation of the obligations incurred by the Governments in adhering to the non-intervention agreement. The Committee agreed to submit to their respective Governments certain proposals designed to secure the desired degree of uniformity.—British Wireless.

KING OPERATED

Rome, Dec. 23. King Victor Emmanuel underwent an operation for rupture a few days ago, and it is now announced that he is making satisfactory progress.—Reuter.

Five Burn In Plane Wreck

Dallas, Texas, Dec. 23.

One of the Braniff Airlines' transport planes crashed to-day on a test flight on the shore of Lake Bachman and its five occupants were burned to death.

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The machine burst into flames on the instant of the impact. There was no escape for those inside.—United Press.

NEW APPOINTMENT

London, Dec. 23.

The King has approved the appointment of Mr. C. H. Bentinck, Minister at Prague, to be His Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at Santiago, in succession to Mr. C. Michell, shortly retiring. Sir Joseph Addison, who was originally selected for this appointment, has resigned from the diplomatic service on the ground of health.—British Wireless.

RAILWAY PURCHASE

Buenos Aires, Dec. 23.

The Argentine Government is reported to have negotiated the purchase of the British-owned Cordoba Central Railway, for approximately £10,000,000.—Reuter Bulletin Service.

INVADING BRITAIN

New York, Dec. 23.

Small Montana falls on the Aquitania on Christmas Day to meet Benny Lynch in London on January 19, with a £2,000 guarantee, £100 training expenses paid, three round-trip tickets and 25 per cent. of the gate receipts.—United Press.

CONQUEST RECOGNISED

Berne, Dec. 23.

Switzerland has recognised Italian sovereignty in Ethiopia.—Reuter Bulletin Service.

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A Grand Christmas variety entertainment will be held in the ball room, Hotel Cecil to-day, Thursday, at 8 p.m. All members of H. M. S. forces are invited; admission by courtesy. The band of the Royal Ulster Rifles are unable to attend, but the Selma Band of H. M. S. Cumberland will be in attendance. The following will also entertain during the evening—Messrs. A. A. Barton (baritone), W. Gifford (tenor), J. Gibson (saxophonist), H. J. Everett (entertainer), and A. W. Paris (piano accordion).

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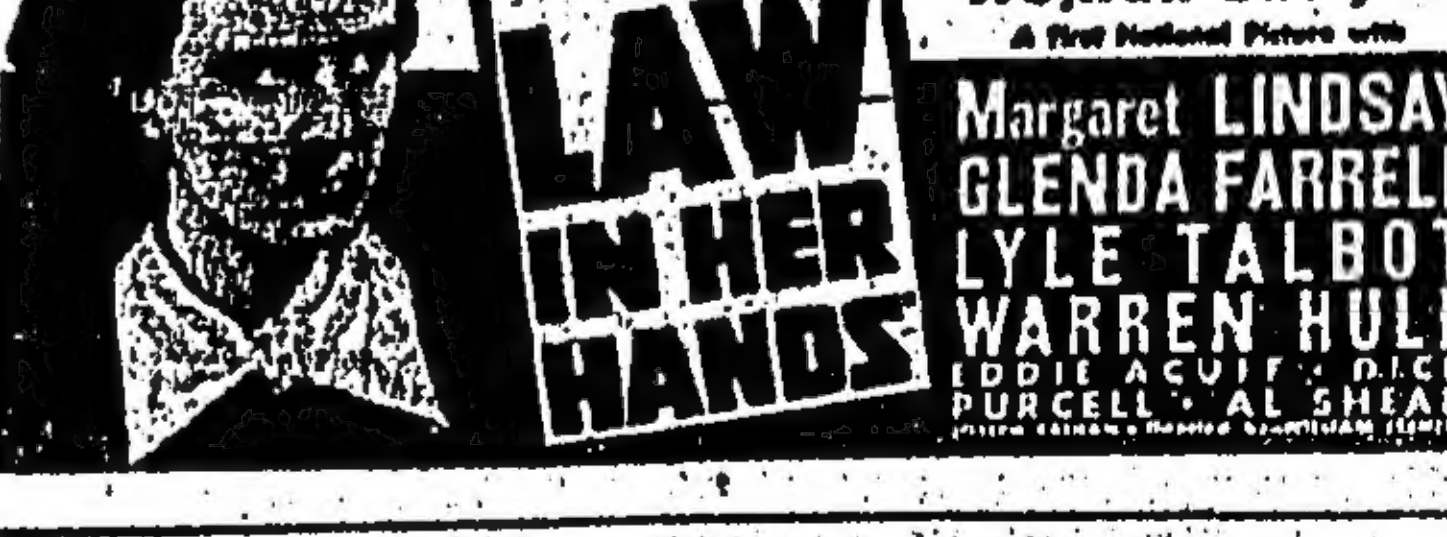
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